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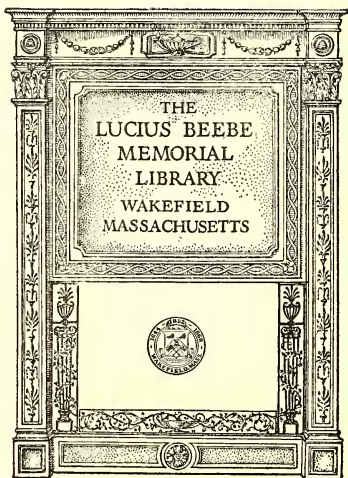
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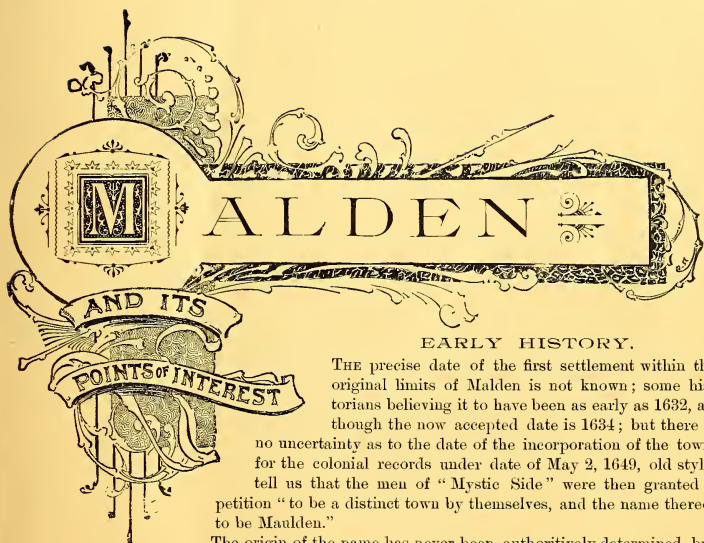
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EARLY HISTORY.

THE precise date of the first settlement within the original limits of Malden is not known; some historians believing it to have been as early as 1632, although the now accepted date is 1634; but there is

no uncertainty as to the date of the incorporation of the town, for the colonial records under date of May 2, 1649, old style, tell us that the men of "Mystic Side" were then granted a petition "to be a distinct town by themselves, and the name thereof to be Maulden."

The origin of the name has never been authoritatively determined, but it probably was selected in honor of Maldon, England, from which Joseph Hills, a lawyer and a very prominent man in colonial history, came. During the first 150 years of the town's existence there seemed to be no accepted way of spelling the name, it being written Maldon, Mauldon and Maulden, but toward the close of the eighteenth century Malden was definitely adopted and no other form has since been used in official papers. The first church was founded in 1649, but the first meeting-house was not built until about 1659. In this connection it is interesting to note that there are two church societies in the Malden of to-day, that claim to date back to the formation of the town. The First Church Trinitarian Congregational, organized in 1649 and re-organized in 1832, and the First Parish Church, organized in 1648.

The indications are that the first school was established at least as early as 1663, but a school house was not built until 1712.

The early history of Malden is very quiet and uneventful, as the town was never exposed to danger from Indians, and it was so far removed from all paths of travel and so remote from Boston, Charlestown, Cambridge and other centres of trade, that its growth was very slow.

In order to reach Boston on horseback or afoot it was necessary to go through Medford, Cambridge, Brighton, Roxbury, across "The Creek", and over the roads they had in those days, that was not only a long but a tiresome journey. Some used to go by boat to Charlestown and thence to Boston, but that was a by no means inconsiderable voyage, and it was not until a bridge over the Mystic River was opened to the public, September 29, 1787, that Boston was even fairly accessible. But the tolls were so high that few could afford to pay them; the cost of riding to Boston and back again in your own carriage in 1800, being 47 cents—a large amount of money in those days. Under such conditions the development of the place was necessarily very slow, the population of Malden in 1800—when its area was three times what it now is—being but 1,059.

But what the population lacked in numbers it more than made up in courage and determination, as is indicated by the action taken at a town meeting held May 27, 1776, when the townspeople voted to support and defend a measure declaring the independence of the country to the "last drop of their blood and the last farthing of their treasure." Certainly they were not afraid to explicitly define their position in a matter of life or death, prosperity or destitution; and their record in the Revolution proves that they meant exactly what they voted.

Perhaps the most prominent character in Malden's early history is Michael Wigglesworth, a famous minister, physician and poet. The following extract from the poem read by Bishop Haven at the bi-centennial celebration of Malden's incorporation, in 1855, will enable one to form a general idea of Michael Wigglesworth's accomplishments:

This famous poet could with equal skill
Wield harp or scalpel, form a rhyme or pill.
He wove in sickness on dark fancy's loom
The varied aspect of the day of doom,
Which wandering down the ages yet remains
Fair sample of our father's kind of brains.

In the "old burying ground"—Bell Rock Cemetery, one of the oldest in New England,—rest Michael Wigglesworth's remains, and on his grave stone is inscribed—

Here lies interred in Silent Grave below
Malden's Physician of Soul and Body two.

The beginning of industries, excepting such as catered exclusively to local needs in Malden, took place in 1804, when William Barrett founded the business which has since been continued without interruption and for many years has been carried on under the name of the "Malden Dye House." Nail manufacturing was begun in 1806; last manufacturing in 1812; leather manufacturing in 1851; and rubber goods manufacturing in 1853; the Boston Rubber Shoe Co. then being incorporated and still carrying on operations, backed by a capital of \$1,000,000. The opening of the Boston and Maine Railroad, in 1845, of course had a very marked influence on the town, and in 1850 Malden would have had more than double the population of 1837—which was 2,300—if Melrose had not been set apart in 1849, which reduced Malden's population 1,260, so that in 1850 Malden's population was 3,520. From that date the progress of the town was slow for a number of years, and a careful reading of the many able speeches made at the dedication of the new town hall, in 1857, will enable any one (especially if he has the faculty of "reading between the lines") to form a more correct idea of the causes of that slowness than could be gained by the examination of pages of musty records, but certainly there is no present need of such investigation; the "slow period" of Malden's history has passed by never to return, and

the Malden of to-day has not only made up for lost time but is advancing at a rate that is very exceptional, even in these days of "rush" and electric swiftmess.

And the best thing about this advancement is that it is not caused by strong "push" by a few who seek to profit by municipal "rapid transit" and don't care for the suffering that is sure to result from a sudden stopping of the "train of progress." Manufacturers, merchants, professional men, and the people in general are coming to Malden to engage in business or to reside; not because they are influenced by extravagant claims, but because the more thoroughly one



POST OFFICE AND COX BLOCK.

"looks up" Malden the more thoroughly is he convinced that it is a most excellent place to live in, and that the prospects are that the city will continue to improve and that there is not the slightest reason to fear its degeneration.

A significant indication of the policy followed in the administration of municipal affairs, and the course taken as regards the increase of the city's population is given by the following extracts from a recent mayor's inaugural address, a mayor whom we will not name as we wish to avoid even the slightest suspicion that this is a "political document:"

"The administration of the affairs of the city is a matter of business, very important in its bearing upon the general welfare, and the prosperity of the city. * * * In regard to expenditures for improvements, in which discretion can be exercised, we should guard

equally against the extravagance which would create such a tax rate as to cause tax payers to shun our city as a place of residence, and the parsimony which would prevent improvements essential to make it attractive and desirable. * * * While a steady and healthy growth in population, with the life and activity which it brings, is very desirable, no special effort directed to this end solely seems desirable. The city should be made more attractive and desirable year by year by well considered and systematic plans for improvements. In the adoption of these plans, first of all we should carefully consider our financial resources. It is the uni-



KERNWOOD CLUB HOUSE.

form experience that persons who have any considerable taxable property will shun any municipality that is burdened with an unwieldy debt or an excessive tax rate. A fair proportion of such residents is indispensable to the prosperity of any city or town. * * * Gentlemen of the City Council, you are chosen by and from the different wards of the city, but the money you appropriate is drawn from all the tax payers in the city alike and should be expended for the general good and with due regard for the needs of every locality. Ward lines should be forgotten and personal interests and selfish combinations ignored in forming your conclusions upon every question presented for your consideration. The good name of our city can be maintained and its permanent prosperity promoted only by your united and harmonious action."

The policy outlined above has been followed as a rule ever since the incorporation of Malden as a city, and the results attained have been such as to more than double the population, and to attract to Malden a most desirable class of residents. There is no more orderly a city in all New England, and this orderliness is far from being caused by the lavish display of armed authority, for the police force is very small in comparison with the population.

Adherence to the "no license" policy and an active enforcement of the restrictions it entails, doubtless have much to do with the quietude of the city, but probably the total absence of that element known as "the floating population," so prominent in great cities and made up of persons who are here to-day and gone to-morrow, is the principal reason why Malden is exceptionally free from disturbances.

THE MALDEN OF TO-DAY.

It is true that figures make very dry reading, but as figures relating to the origin and development of a community are surely of interest to one interested in its present condition, let us give a few dates and amounts, so that even such of our readers as are entirely unacquainted with the history of Malden can form an intelligent general idea of its past and its present, and to some extent, of its probable future. The population and the wealth of many cities are largely due to annexation; and in other cases they are due to previous conditions,—now past—so they are far from being accurate indications of present standing. But such is by no means the case with Malden, and in this connection the following facts and figures will prove of interest:

Malden was settled in 1634, incorporated as a town in 1649, and as a city in 1882. North Malden was set off in 1849 to form the town of Melrose, decreasing the population of Malden 1,260, and South Malden was set off in 1870 to form the town of Everett, decreasing the population of Malden 2,200. In 1877 a very small portion of Medford was annexed, the result being a gain for Malden of 200 acres in area and of 100 in population.

No further changes have been made in the boundary lines, and the area of the present Malden is about one-third as much as that of the original town; the city being about three miles long from east to west, and about one and a half miles wide from north to south. It is bounded on the north by Melrose, on the east by Revere, on the south by Everett, and on the west by Medford and Stoneham,—or rather by Medford and the Middlesex Fells, for it is the delightfully wild park region known as Middlesex Fells that lies to the northwest of Malden.

Practically every square foot within the boundaries of the city comes within a six mile circle, having its centre at the State House in Boston; and a five mile circle drawn from the same centre passes about half a mile beyond Malden's business centre; it being a little more than four and a half miles in a direct line from the Boston City Hall to the Malden City Hall. The cities are connected by two railroads, the Boston and Maine, Western Division, and the Boston and Maine, Sangus Branch—the Boston and Maine having three stations within Malden's limits, and the Sangus Branch having six. The Malden station on each line is about five miles from the depot in Boston. Transportation is also furnished by two street railroad companies—the East Middlesex and the West End—and as transportation is an especially important factor in the development of a suburban city, we will consider Malden's facilities in detail in another portion of this sketch. Of course, Malden is destined to become a portion of the "Greater Boston" which we have lately heard so much about and which will soon become an accomplished fact instead of a reasonable expectation. The annexation of Malden to the "Hub" is—like the annexation of Somerville, of Cambridge, and of other cities—simply a question of time, for it is sure to take place, and the time of its occurrence will be fixed simply by the amount of time that will elapse before satisfactory assurance is given as to the protection of local interests. The advantages arising from forming a part of such a vast municipality as the Greater Boston will be are well understood by the people of Malden, but they also understand the disadvantages, and they will not allow Malden to become a part of New England's metropolis until they are satisfied that their city's just rights will be justly recognized and protected.

That Malden has been well governed during its ten years of existence as a city can be proved in many ways, but in no way more conclusively than by pointing out the increase in population, for this has been, and still is, rapid and steady—and decided popularity of a city or town as a place of residence is pretty good evidence, here in Massachusetts, that it is a well governed community. In 1882, the first year of city organization, the population was 12,779; in 1884 it was 14,242; in 1886 it was 17,236; in 1888 it was 19,617; in 1890 it was 24,626, and in 1892, it was about 38,000. Those figures certainly show that Malden is growing rapidly and



PLEASANT STREET FROM WASHINGTON STREET.

steadily, and is a very popular city as a place of residence; and doubtless they will cause not a few of our readers to say—either to themselves or “out loud:” “I wonder why that place is growing so. Has it great and growing industries; is it healthful and pleasant; is it a cheap place to live in?” Well, such comprehensive questions cannot be answered satisfactorily in a few words, and the most we can hope so do is to sufficiently interest the reader to cause him to visit Malden and see for himself what that prosperous and wide-awake city has to offer him. But his visit will be much more pleasant and instructive if he has a general knowledge of the distinguishing characteristics of each section of the city; of the facilities for transportation, etc., and hence a few words on those subjects will be acceptable.

The city of Malden contains seven wards, but these wards are simply the political divisions of the city, and probably not one citizen in ten could give their boundaries if called upon to do so. Ask a Malden man what part of the city he lives in, and he will never say ward this or ward that, but “the Centre,” “Edgeworth,” “Maplewood,” or whatever the place may be. The “precincts,” or “villages,” or whatever you may choose to call them, are as follows: beginning at the southwest corner of the city, where the Saugus Branch Railway enters its limits: Bell Rock, Edgeworth, Malden Centre, Maplewood, Linden, Oak Grove.

Malden Centre is in the heart of the city proper, and here may be found the banks, the principal business buildings, the newspaper offices, the City Hall and other public buildings. Edgeworth is in the southwestern part of the city and is the manufacturing district; Maplewood is east of the Centre and is a residential quarter, as is also Linden, which is in the extreme eastern part of the city; and Oak Grove, which is about two-thirds of a mile north of the Centre.

Of course this is merely a general description and hence is by no means nicely accurate. For instance, although Edgeworth is the industrial centre it contains hundreds of comfortable



CORNER SALEM STREET AND BROADWAY, MAPLEWOOD.

dwelling houses; and although Maplewood is a residential district it contains many spacious and well equipped mercantile establishments, for one of the characteristics of Malden is a general distribution of stores, so that no resident is obliged to travel far in order to obtain supplies. But the most notable and gratifying characteristic of Malden is the absence of something that is to be found in nearly every city, and in fact, is so common that we take it as a matter of course,—a “poor quarter,” a place where evidences of poverty, destitution, imprudence, misery, are to be seen on every side. There is no such place in Malden, and no observant stranger can travel about the city without being greatly impressed by that fact, and hence being prompted to ask questions, in the hope of solving the problem of this community’s general prosperity.

Just what his final solution would be, will depend greatly, of course, upon his habits of thought, and the consequent position he occupies concerning certain important questions of public policy, but no matter what his explanation may be, he is sure to believe that the Malden people, as a whole, are very “comfortably” situated. By “comfortably situated” we mean sup-

plied with good homes which they can afford to support. Malden is not a city of the rich, and, indeed, is not a rich city, it being surpassed in valuation by not a few Massachusetts cities of no greater population, but its industrial establishments afford fairly remunerative employment to hundreds; a large proportion of the inhabitants are engaged in business in Boston, and the rents and general cost of living in Malden are really very low when compared with those of the "Hub," so that a man can live here in a clean, healthful, thoroughly respectable and in every way



FAULKNER NEW SCHOOL HOUSE, FAULKNER.

desirable neighborhood on an income that would necessitate putting up with decidedly inferior accommodations if expended in Boston.

But the question of expense, although of great importance, is by no means the only thing to be considered, and it is safe to say that at least one half of the gain in population made in Malden every year in due to the educational facilities of the city, although these are so severely tested that Malden can hardly build school houses fast enough to supply the demand for accommodations.

In this city are school houses which in beauty, size, convenience, equipment and healthfulness will easily bear comparison with any others in the state. The Maplewood Grammar School, and the Faulkner School,—the latter completed in 1893—are buildings that would do honor to Boston itself,—that great city which has long been deemed the educational centre of the East-

ern States,—and there are not a few other large and well equipped school edifices in town, but still there are not as many as could be profitably used, and for some years it has been evident that a new High School building is needed—not because the present one is unfit for occupancy, but because it is too small to properly accommodate the many pupils. A recent distinguished visitor to Malden said, that to him the most prominent features of the city seemed to be public schools, public library, churches, good order and good scenery, and although that is certainly a



MAPLEWOOD GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

rather peculiar combination, still it is by no means an unattractive one and it indicates just what Malden is, a “home city,” a place which is pleasant to live in and offers many inducements to those who wish to bring up their children amongst favorable surroundings.

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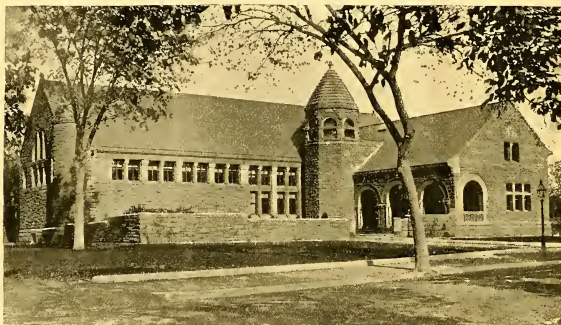
The Malden Public Library is as useful as it is beautiful; and the citizens have excellent reason for the pride they take in it and for the general desire they show to support it as liberally as circumstances will allow. It occupies a beautiful brown stone edifice the origin and purpose of which are made manifest by the following inscription:

“Converse Memorial Building, erected by Elisha and Mary D. Converse in memory of their

son Frank Eugene Converse, presented to the city of Malden for the use of a free public library and gallery of art, dedicated October, 1885."

The Malden public library was established in 1877, opened in 1879 and incorporated in July, 1885, or just before it was removed to its present quarters.

The Converse Memorial Building is a handsome, commodious structure, made of brown stone and standing in a spacious and tastefully ornamented lot. The interior is so arranged and equipped as to combine beauty and convenience to an exceptional degree, and some idea of the



THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

usefulness and attractiveness of the institution may be gained from the simple statement that the spacious ground floor of the building has one portion devoted to the selection of books, another to the consultation of reference books, another is used as an art gallery, and another as a reading room, besides the portion necessarily reserved for the use of the library attendants and for the storage of the books; the shelves containing which, range from the floor to the lofty ceiling and can receive many thousand volumes. The most gratifying characteristic of this library is the plainly evident desire of the management to make it attractive and useful to the people. The rules governing its use are as few and simple as is consistent with the maintenance of the property; the printed "finding lists," "the card catalogue," and the displayed lists of works on special subjects make it easy to ascertain just what the library contains; and the Librarian and assistants are pleased to give any information pertaining to the library and to assist in any reasonable way those who apply to them.

Of course this institution is popular, and equally of course it is gaining steadily in popularity and usefulness. As an ally of the public schools alone, it is worth many times the sum annually expended for its support, to say nothing of its great value to the many who are through "going to school" but who here obtain instruction, recreation and that form of amusement

which is beneficial as well as attractive. The estimated value of the land, building and library is about \$100,000; and large as that sum is, it is but trivial in comparison with the true value of the service rendered. In January, 1893, there were in the library 21,340 volumes and 4,284 pamphlets. During the year 1892, 455 volumes were added and 904 new cards issued; and 4,406 volumes were issued through the Maplewood free delivery, but that by no means gives an adequate idea of the extent to which the library is made use of by residents of Maplewood and other sections of the city, besides Malden Centre, for the majority of such patrons obtain books directly from the library. The experiment of opening the library Sunday was tried in 1892, and its results have been such as to assure a continuance of the practice.

STEAM AND STREET CARS.

"Rapid transit" is unquestionably the leading subject of the day, and in Malden it is receiving very careful consideration, for the people understand that wise action now will go far to ensure a decided increase in the already rapid growth in the population of the city; and that the value of realty and other property in the various sections will be strongly influenced by the decisions made in the cases of the various street railway companies that are making locations, extensions and the right to use electric power.

For nearly half a century the people of Malden have depended almost entirely upon steam cars for transportation to and from Boston, for although that city can be reached by two street railways they have not been patronized by through passengers, excepting at hours when no steam cars were run, for horse car travelling over a distance of five to six miles is decidedly slow and uncertain. But the advent of electric cars has already brought about a revolution in street transit, and although at the present writing there is not an electric line in Malden, there is no doubt that before many months not only Malden and Boston but Malden and Medford, Stoneham, Melrose, Saugus, Revere, Everett, Chelsea and all other neighboring cities and towns, will be literally united or connected by electricity.

The Boston and Maine R. R., has done a great deal to develop Malden and it would be absurd to deny that the present importance of the city as a manufacturing and residential centre is very largely due to the passenger and freight facilities afforded by the two roads run by that company, but it would be equally absurd to deny that the passenger service might have been better, and it is safe to assume that there will be a sudden and marked improvement in it when subjected to the inspiring influence of electric competition. And it is well for the people that the electric service will have to compete with the steam service, for "competition is the life of trade," and hence the service will be better and the fares lower than would otherwise be the case.

The single fares to and from the various Malden stations and Boston, are not remarkable for their lowness, but season tickets are sold at moderate rates, and the season tickets which are acceptable on only the so-called "workingmen's trains" are sold at prices which make even the five cent fares collected on street railways seem ruinously high, for assuming ten cents a day or sixty cents a week to be paid out in car fare, it will amount to \$7.80 for three months, or \$31.20 for a year; while the workingman's rate from Malden Centre to Boston and return, six days in the week, is but \$5.10 for three months, and \$15.30 for a year.

There is not a portion of Malden's territory more than three-quarters of a mile from either the Boston and Maine or the Saugus Branch Railroad, and about all the populated portions of the city are much nearer than that to a station; The Boston and Maine R. R., which runs across the city about half a mile from its western boundary, having one station called Edgeworth; a

second called Malden and situated at the western extremity of Malden Centre, and a third called Oak Grove. These stations are about half a mile apart. The Malden station is a handsome brick structure with granite trimmings, and was built in 1891. The Saugus Branch stations are at Bell Rock, on the Everett line, and four and a half miles from Boston; at Malden Centre, at Faulkner, at Maplewood, at Broadway and at Linden, which is a little more than seven miles from Boston, so they average about half a mile apart. Street cars afford transportation to Medford, Everett, Charlestown and Boston; also to Woburn, Stoneham, Melrose, Saugus and Chelsea



MALDEN STATION, B. & M. R. R.

and Revere Beach, and make connection with Lynn and Boston cars at Cliftondale, to and from Lynn. It will be seen that the street car service is comprehensive and extensive, but it is but an earnest of what may reasonably be expected in the near future, and there is no room for doubt that Malden will soon have at least as good a street car service as any city in the State.

WATER SUPPLY.

The water works of Malden are owned by the city, and represent the intelligent expenditure of a great deal of money. The original works were built in 1870; the water being taken from Shot Pond, in Stoneham, and distributed through cement lined iron mains; but the growth of the city and of Melrose and Medford (which also take water from Shot Pond) caused the supply to run short and necessitated the finding of an additional source of supply, and a decided increase in the capacity of the Shot Pond plant. Both these things have been done, and although the present service is far from perfect, still it is decidedly superior as regards the quality and the quantity of the water furnished to that of the average city of 30,000 population or less.

The new source of supply was obtained by sinking tubular wells in what were known as Eaton's Meadows, now called Webster Park. These wells are sunk to the solid rock and average 65 feet in depth. The water shed from which they are chiefly fed has an area of one square mile

and the wells supply about 700,000 gallons per day. The quality of the water is excellent, and the greater part of it is used in the high service system, it being pumped up into the standpipe, or more properly the great iron tank, which is located at so elevated a position in Maplewood that water from it will easily flow from a hose over about any building in the city. The Shot Pond pumping and distributing plant is practically a new one, it having been very largely renovated in 1890 and succeeding years; and as every precaution has been taken to protect the waters of the pond from contamination and to guard against their waste, this will continue to be a very valuable source of supply. Malden also has the right to take water from Martin's Pond, in North Reading, but the chances are that right will never be made use of.

Pure air and pure water—both of these are also as assured to the resident of Malden as to any summer vacationist in the mountain or lake regions, and although change of air and change of scene are doubtless beneficial to any one, no matter how pleasantly situated he may be at home, still it may be truthfully said that one who lives in this city generally has only himself to blame if his health suffers on account of his not being able to go away in summer; for here is afforded every opportunity for pleasant walks and rides, healthful exercise and agreeable sight-seeing; and the hygienic conditions are not excelled.

The healthfulness of Malden is based upon very firm foundations, and hence may be depended upon as it is the result of good natural conditions, reinforced by efficient and comprehensive artificial service. As a whole, the city is on high and well drained land; the air is pure, there is an abundant supply of excellent water; the sewerage is comprehensive and efficient; the removal of offal and ashes is well provided for, and the public health is carefully and skillfully looked after. These are all very unpoetical, not to say commonplace affairs, but it is just such affairs as these that men look up now-a-days when they are seeking an eligible site for a residence; and the rapidity with Malden is growing and the character of most of the buildings erected, show that the city stands the test of careful, practical and painstaking examination.

There are many desirable building lots in the market, but it is well to bear in mind the fact that the number is steadily diminishing, and to act accordingly. The introduction of electric street railways and the building of street railways in parts of the city that have not as yet been reached by them, are going to have a marked effect on land values, and it is safe to say that land will never be any cheaper in Malden than it now is, for the tendency in every part of the city is "upward and onward." There is not any real estate boom going on here, or in other words no individual or organization is striving to bring about and continue fictitious values, and hence money expended with reasonable prudence in the purchase of land is pretty sure to be not only safely but profitably invested. As for building for renting purposes, we know of no city or town that offers greater inducements than Malden. The tendency here is not towards tenement houses or that variety of such known as apartment houses or "flats." The demand is for "single family" houses; for convenient and roomy houses surrounded by reasonably spacious grounds, and such houses can be rented promptly and permanently, at fair prices. Insurance rates are literally "as low as the lowest," the tax rates, the water rates and the other items in the expense of house owning in a civilized community, are moderate when judged by the quality and magnitude of the service rendered; and whether one wishes to build a house for his own occupancy or for renting purposes it will at least "pay" him to investigate the chances offered here in Malden before choosing a site, for healthfulness, beauty and convenience of location; superior educational advantages, excellent public service in the way of water, drainage, lighting, protection against fire, and the maintenance of order, make an attractive and strong combination that is exceptional and desirable enough to deserve careful attention.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

A well-regulated water supply, and especially a first-class high service system, is very closely connected with an efficient fire service, so it is natural that Malden should be a favorite place for the fire insurance companies to place risks. Indeed some of the largest companies say that nothing but State law prevent them from insuring Malden property at what would seem phenomenally low rates, for the fire losses here are so small as to seem really trivial in comparison with those of other cities. Just why the losses are so small, no one can positively explain, but at all events there are but few fires, and they are almost invariably extinguished so quickly that the damage is very small. With the exception of a few great factories and some business blocks nearly every building in Malden is so situated that every portion of it can be reached easily and quickly, for about all the dwelling houses stand alone and so are accessible on every side. There is no net of wires overhanging the streets and buildings to interfere with the firemen; the fire apparatus is first-class and is kept in excellent condition; the electric fire alarm is comprehensive and reliable, and the fire department may truly be said to be made up of men who understand their business and are prompt, intelligent and fearless in the obeying of orders.

There is a great deal of territory to cover in proportion to the number of fire houses, of pieces of apparatus and of firemen; but the industrial and trade sections of the city are the headquarters of the firemen, and, as of course, nearly all the fires take place there, the response to alarms is almost always very prompt as well as energetic.

CHURCHES AND SCHOOLS.

One of the easiest and surest means of determining the standing of a community is by examination of the schools, churches, and societies; and the result of such examination in the case of Malden goes far to explain and justify the pride which the residents take in the city.

By far the handsomest church building in Malden is the First Baptist Church, a very large stone edifice, beautifully proportioned, and so situated as to enable its attractions to be duly appreciated. This is one of the most beautiful churches in New England, and both its site and its surroundings are such as to add to the attractiveness of its architecture, close by is the handsome Converse Memorial Building, occupied by the public library, and the comparison of the rough brown stone of which this building is made, with the rough granite of which the church is built, serves to increase the beauty of both buildings, and thus shows that there are exceptions to that much quoted rule, "comparisons are odious." Descriptions of each of the many churches in this city would occupy all our available space many times over, so we will simply present a list of the many church organizations:

Baptist, Malden Centre; Baptist, Maplewood; First Church, Trinitarian Congregational, organized 1649, re-organized 1832; First Parish Church, organized 1648; Church of the Sacred Heart; St. Mary's Catholic Church; All Souls' Church; First Congregational Church, Maplewood; Union Congregational Church, Linden; St. Paul's Episcopal Parish; St. Luke's Episcopal Church; Belmont Methodist Episcopal; Linden Methodist Episcopal; Malden Centre Methodist Episcopal; Maplewood Methodist Episcopal; First Unitarian Congregationalist; Advent Christian; Evangelical Union, Faulkner; Edgeworth Mission Society; Mission, Wayside Chapel.

The school buildings are also well distributed about the city and they average high in character; Malden having expended many thousands for school edifices during the past five years. Candor compels the statement that the high school building is by no means worthy of the city, although it was considered a very large and handsome building when it was

erected, comparatively few years ago. The citizens appreciate the fact that there is urgent need of a new high school building, and they propose to have one as soon as circumstances will permit, but they have been supplying greatly increased accommodations in the way of grammar and primary school buildings, and so have postponed the erection of a high school, for when they build one it is not to be a mere makeshift affair to supply present needs, but will be a building



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

worthy of the Malden of the future. The Maplewood grammar school and the Faulkner school are types of the sort of school buildings that Malden is erecting nowadays; and in the arrangement and equipment of both buildings excellent and ample provision has been made for the safety, health and convenience of the scholars.

So many cities and towns claim to have schools that are unsurpassed, if not unequalled, that we have no intention of enlarging upon the excellence and thoroughness of the education given in Malden. Suffice it to say that in college, in business and in social life, those who have attended the Malden schools seem to have no special difficulty in satisfactorily performing the duties devolving upon them; and the opinion the people have of the schools here is indicated by the difficulty the citizens have in increasing the accommodations with sufficient rapidity.

There is an evening school and an evening drawing school, both of which are well attended and are doing most excellent work. The public library is very closely identified with Malden's educational system, and is visited, between the morning and afternoon sessions and after school is over, by many pupils who there find most valuable aid; it being given not only by the books but also by the attendants, who evidently take pleasure in making the library as useful as they possibly can. Evenings, and now on Sunday too, the library is largely occupied by those who come there for instruction; and it is safe to say there is not a school in Malden, or in any other city, that is doing more valuable and effective educational work than is the Malden public library.



RESIDENCE OF MR. A. H. DAVENPORT.

MALDEN'S ATTRACTIONS AS A PLACE OF RESIDENCE.

Even the most extended verbal description of a city cannot give a complete and satisfactory idea of its appearance, its advantages, etc., and this is especially the case with a city such as Malden, for its surface is so varied, and the conditions are so different from those present in the conventional city that there is but one way to appreciate it, and that is to visit it in person. From one point of view Malden may be divided into three sections, meadow, plateau, and highlands,—but such a division would be apt to give one an erroneous idea of the city, although it is unquestionably true that there are meadows in one part of Malden, elevated plains in another and hills in another. In the southern and southwestern parts of the city are meadows; the city proper is built upon a plain which gradually rises as it extends towards Maplewood and Linden, and north and north-east of the city proper are rocky and wooded hills that skirt the residential part of Malden and add greatly to the beauty of the city. From the eminence of these hills may be seen views that are beautiful, extensive and varied; and that take in ocean and bay; pond and stream; field

and forest. Near by are the Middlesex Fells,—one of the wildest and loveliest regions in the old Bay State—and the present indications are that this region will not be marred by the “improvements” arising from great increase of population in its vicinity, for it will be protected by the commonwealth and become one of the great park lands which are now being picked out. The nearness of the Fells, and the many other attractions in this vicinity, make driving and walking in and about Malden one of the strongest charms of the city, and commend it especially to those who cannot spare the time consumed by a “summer vacation.” There are scenes in and near to



MALDEN HOSPITAL.

Malden that would be made famous by earnest eulogy were they visible only in the White Mountains or some other famous summer resort, and if any of our readers doubt this let them visit the Malden Public Library and examine the various photographs there exhibited of views in the Fells and neighboring points.

SOCIETIES.

There are many societies in Malden, the long list including what are known as “secret” orders, social organizations, charitable organizations, insurance societies, and temperance clubs.

The Masonic Building is the handsomest business block in the city, and the street floor is divided up into many spacious stores, while the upper floors are utilized by important societies, and also for office purposes, “social events,” etc. The Malden Post Office is in this building and there is another post office at Linden, in the eastern part of the city. Of course there are letter boxes, mail delivery, etc., in Malden, and the service is prompt, frequent and very reliable.

The Y. M. C. A., organized in December, 1885, has its rooms in the Masonic Building, and like all similar organizations throughout the country is accomplishing a great deal and doing it quietly and modestly. The membership is extensive and it is steadily increasing, for the more generally the principles and objects of this association are known the more truly popular it becomes. The Masonic Building is also the headquarters of the Malden Board of Trade, which was organized in February, 1889. Connected with it are the most prominent and active of Malden's business men; and it goes without saying that it has done and is doing much for the



THE "TOWN PUMP."

advancement of the best interests of the city. The subjects discussed at the regular meetings are such as to conclusively prove that the members by no means confine their interest to more or less petty local affairs; they appreciate the fact that neighboring communities—especially those that will some day make up the "greater Boston"—cannot afford to ignore the rights and the just privileges of their neighbors, and that "Union is strength" municipal as truly as in national government. One result of this is that the meetings are of great interest to non-residents, as well as to residents of Malden, and they are doing much to help in the satisfactory solution of the great problems which are now occupying the attention of thinking men throughout the great Boston suburban region.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS MEN

OF

MALDEN.

D. W. DAVIS, Dealer in Hemlock, Spruce, Pine and Hardwood Lumber, Wood, Slabs, Piling and Bark, Board, Livery and Sale Stables, Malden, Mass.—The lumber interests of this State are still of great importance in spite of the exhaustion of the supply of great pines, which were once so common throughout the State, and some good judges say that the conservative policy pursued by some of the great lumbering firms of late years has been so successful that there is more and better merchantable timber on the stump to-day than was the case a decade ago. At all events the industry shows no signs of waning, and one of the most energetic and prosperous of our lumber houses is that carried on by Mr. D. W. Davis. He is a dealer in Hemlock, Spruce, Pine and Hardwood Lumber, Wood, Slabs, Piling and Bark, and having a Saw Mill at Ossipee, N. H., whose annual output is about 3,000,000 feet. He sells by the car load, and orders addressed to D. W. Davis, 13 Commercial St., Malden, Mass., or Centerville, N. H., will receive prompt attention. Mr. Davis is a native of Effingham, N. H., where he served six years as selectman; also served on school committee. He was a member of the State Constitution Convention in 1889, and a member of the Legislature in 1891. Since he began business in Malden he has developed a thriving business, as he conducts a Sale Stable of Horses, furnishing a fine grade of horses for all kinds of service, from fine gentlemen's driving to draft horses, and what Mr. Davis represents a horse to be can be safely relied upon; he also carries on a first-class Livery Stable in Malden, covering in dimensions 120x50 feet of ground. Seven competent assistants are employed, and Horses and Carriages can be obtained here at all hours and for all purposes, and at moderate prices. Orders are promptly attended to and all patrons treated courteously.

PEOPLE'S CLOTHING STORE, Clothing, Furnishings and Hats, 43 Pleasant St., Opp. National Bank, J. N. Hopkins, Prop., Malden, Mass.—New Yorkers and others make a good deal of fun of Bostonians on account of the great pride the latter take in their city, but this pride is justified in many respects, for there is no denying that Boston leads all other American cities in certain things, and notably in the manufacture and sale of fine, ready-made clothing. In fact, Boston is the chief clothing market of the country, and as this is generally understood it is perfectly natural that much should be expected of an establishment called the "People's Clothing Store," and in the case of the Malden establishment of that name the most sanguine expectations will not be disappointed, for its proprietor is prepared to furnish stylish, perfect-fitting and durable clothing at positively bottom prices, and certainly no more can be asked by the most exacting. As the business was founded in 1891, the proprietor is very well known in this section, but it has lately become more popular than ever, and under the energetic management of Mr. J. N. Hopkins, the store is pointed out by all well-informed residents as the clothing establishment of Malden. The People's Clothing Store is located at 43 Pleasant Street, opposite the National Bank, and is sufficiently spacious to accommodate as large and complete a stock of Fashionable Clothing, Hats, Caps and Furnishing Goods, as can be found in this section. All classes of trade are carefully and successfully catered to, but special attention is given to the handling of garments that are fully equal to custom work; and the most fastidious may obtain perfectly satisfactory clothing here and avoid the delay and expense consequent upon having garments made from measure.

MRS. G. C. WARNER, Milliner, 6 Lebanon Street, Maplewood, Mass. Feathers, Ribbons, Silks, Velvets and Laces, in all the newest shades. French Flowers in all the latest styles. Mourning Hats and Bonnets on hand and made to order. Specialties: Feathers Curled. Crape and Lace Renovated—The millinery establishment carried on by Mrs. G. C. Warner, at No. 6 Lebanon Street, in the new block, is of recent origin, it having been opened in September, 1892, but it is already a favorite with the ladies of Malden in general and Maplewood in particular, for it does not take long to determine the true standing of an establishment devoted to the sale of millinery goods and more especially to the doing of custom work, and it has been proved beyond the possibility of reasonable doubt that Mrs. Warner devotes her attention exclusively to strictly first-class millinery work and materials, and has the taste, the skill and the facilities which are essential to the attainment of the best possible and the most truly artistic results. Being assisted by her daughters—Miss Eva and Miss Maud Warner—she is prepared to execute commissions at short notice, and to more confidently guarantee perfection in every detail of the work than would otherwise be possible. A large and very carefully selected stock is carried; it embracing the very latest novelties in Trimmed and Untrimmed Hats and Bonnets, together with Feathers, Ribbons, Silks, Velvets and Laces, in all the newest shades; French Flowers in all the latest styles, and also Mourning Hats and Bonnets in absolutely correct styles. Among the specialties of this establishment are the Curling of Feathers, and the Renovation of Crape and Lace, but the leading specialty, of course, is the Trimming of Hats and Bonnets to order; and it is but simple truth to say that the results attained will not suffer at all by comparison with those attained at the leading Boston millinery stores, while the comparison in prices will result most decidedly in favor of this skillfully managed establishment.

HORACE F. GLEASON, M. D.

* * SURGEON DENTIST, * *

418 MAIN STREET,
Malden, Mass.

Residence,
44 WYOMING AVE.

Dr. Gleason had ten years' practice in Medicine, and eight years' practice in Dentistry.

By his new method of preparing cavities for filling, Dr. Gleason is able to avoid all pain in the most sensitive teeth, and will guarantee to do so. His skill is acknowledged by all who have been under his professional care.

WILLIAM H. HARLOW, Marble Manufacturer, Salem St., opposite Baptist Church, Malden, Marble Monuments, Tomb Stones, Grave Stones, Chimney Pieces, and Table Tops, Hearths, etc., etc., of every description, made from the best of Foreign Marble, can be had at the shortest notice, and at the lowest prices. Also all Kinds of Soap Stone Work.—Good and honest work is always sure to find a market, and so although it may have seemed when this firm began operations in 1853 as if there was no opening for the productions on account of the numerous competing establishments already founded, a large and growing trade has been built up. The present proprietor, Mr. William H. Harlow, began operations here in 1877, having succeeded Mr. Wm. Harlow, who founded the business in 1853. The premises occupied and located on Salem Street, opp. the Baptist Church, comprise one floor 50x20 feet in dimensions, and the manufacture of Marble Monuments, Tomb Stones, Grave Stones, Chimney Pieces and Table Tops, Hearths, etc., etc., of every description and made from the best of Foreign Marble, is carried on. Both in design and execution it is hard to match the work turned out at this establishment, for Mr. Harlow has not only exceptional taste in the choice and origination of designs, but has had a long and practical experience in putting them into shape and form. The best of material is used and attention is given to the durability of the work as well as to its appearance when new, which is a very important point when the exposure to which stone work is subjected is considered. Mr. Harlow is a native of Melrose, Mass., and very well known throughout this town. He employs four competent and skilled mechanics and all orders are attended to promptly, and at the lowest prices, and satisfaction is guaranteed to all customers. Soap stone work is also done here.

A. F. CROCKER, Dealer in Wall Paper, Window Shades, Oil Cloths, Straw Matting, Artists' Materials, Picture Frames, Stationery, etc., 106 Pleasant St., Malden, Mass.—It is an undoubted fact that such an important trade centre in this part of the country as Malden, should be supplied with houses engaged in all the prominent branches of business. Perhaps few towns of its size are so well off in this particular as Malden, not only on account of the number of business enterprises successfully carried in her midst, but for the superior excellence which is manifest in a great many of them. Forming one of this class of houses, and maintaining a prominent position among the business interests of the town is that conducted by Mr. A. F. Crocker, a retail dealer in Wall Paper, Window Shades, Oil Cloths and Straw Matting, Artists' Materials, Picture Frames, Stationery, etc. There is fashion in wall papers as in most other things, but the dictates of fashion are not always in the best taste and they soon change. Therefore in choosing an important article like wall paper, it is well to apply to persons who are thoroughly experienced in handling it, and we take pleasure in recommending as such Mr. Crocker, who has been established in this town since 1869. The store occupied is located at No. 106 Pleasant Street, and comprises two floors 70x22 and 30x22 feet respectively. It is well stocked with the newest patterns of modern artistic Wall Paper, the patterns and coloring of which will be found in many instances to be exceedingly beautiful. Mr. Crocker is a native of Sunderland, Mass., and well and favorably known in this town. Ten assistants are employed in this establishment, who are uniformly courteous to all callers.

MURRAY & WILEY, Dealers in Dry Goods, Carpets, Small Wares and Ladies' and Gents' Furnishings, also Agents for Domestic Paper Fashions, and Malden Steam Laundry, Malden, Mass.—Very nearly a quarter of a century has elapsed since the enterprise conducted by Messrs. Murray & Wiley was inaugurated, and on the score of age alone this undertaking would therefore be deserving of prominent mention in a review of Malden's representative business enterprises, but it is quite as deserving when judged solely from the standpoint of its present prominence, for it is second to none in its special line, and the establishment is one of the first visited by well informed buyers when bound on one of those "shopping" excursions in which ladies are popularly supposed to delight. Operations were begun in 1869, by the present firm, the individual members being Mr. George A. Murray, a native of Haverhill, Mass., and Mr. Horace M. Wiley of Wakefield, Mass. The premises occupied by the above named firm comprise a store 110x22 feet in dimensions, and a cellar 75x22 feet in size, these being very conveniently fitted up, and every inch of available space is utilized in order to accommodate the carefully chosen and remarkably complete stock of Dry Goods, Carpets, Small Wares, and Ladies' and Gents' Furnishings, which is constantly carried. If Messrs. Murray & Wiley are famous for one thing more than another it is for obtaining the very latest fashionable novelties at the earliest possible time, for it is a fact that novelties in their line of goods are offered by them as early as by the leading stores of Boston. They are agents for the Domestic Paper Fashions, and the Malden Steam Laundry. The prices quoted in either department of their establishment will bear the severest examination and comparison with those of other dealers, and we need hardly add that all goods from this representative store are sure to prove all they are claimed to be.

G. H. LOOMER,

— DEALER IN —

BOOTS, SHOES, RUBBERS.

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REPAIRING NEATLY DONE.

522 SALEM STREET,

MAPLEWOOD.

MALDEN CLOTHING CO., Men's and Boys' Clothiers, Gents' Furnishings, Hats and Caps, 77 Pleasant Street, Kimball Block, opposite Post Office, Malden, Mass.—The question of where clothing, hats, caps and wearing apparel in general can be bought to the best advantage is one of the very first importance, for a large proportion of what most of us earn has to go for clothing, etc., and hence considerable can be saved by knowing where you can get your money's worth when buying anything of this kind. One sure way of getting it is to trade with the Malden Clothing Co., for they are dealers in Men's and Boys' Clothing, Hats, Caps and Gents' Furnishings in general, and quote bottom prices on all articles they handle. The natural result is that this is one of the most popular establishments in Malden, and its popularity is steadily growing, for the management is such as to constantly add new customers as well as keep the old ones. The Malden Clothing Co. was inaugurated in 1889, and is now conducted under the able management of Mr. S. K. Frost. He gives careful personal attention to customers and therefore is in a position to guarantee prompt and courteous service to every caller. The premises made use of by the Malden Clothing Co., are located at 77 Pleasant Street, Kimball Block, opposite the Post Office. The goods carried in stock comprise all grades, are suited to all conditions of wear and to all tastes; while the prices cannot fail to be satisfactory to every reasonable buyer, they being always in strict accordance with the lowest market rates. We would advise all interested readers to give this establishment a call, for they will find the manager a very pleasant man to deal with, and goods are cheerfully shown whether you wish to purchase or not.

B. R. ELLSWORTH, Carriage Building, Repairing and Painting in All Its Branches, Eastern Ave., opposite Maplewood Depot, Maplewood, Mass. Carriages Called For and Delivered.—In the choice of a carriage or wagon, the chief difference between an experienced and an inexperienced buyer is this: the former looks out especially for quality, the latter looks out especially for price. The first has found out that price is a secondary consideration, or in other words, he knows that a poor vehicle is dear at any price, and that a really good one—good in design, material and workmanship—is the cheapest that can be bought, for the saving in repairs will very soon make up for any difference in first cost; and besides, even an old and worn out first-class vehicle can be made to look well at moderate expense, while a "cheap" carriage never looks decent again after the first newness has worn off. It is because of these and other facts that the Carriages, Wagons and Carts manufactured by Mr. B. R. Ellsworth, are very popular among the most experienced and best informed buyers—they know that these vehicles are "built for business," and that they equal in style, beauty, strength and durability, any in the market, while the prices quoted on them compare very favorably with those named by other manufacturers of strictly desirable and reliable carriages and wagons. Mr. Ellsworth manufactures a great variety of vehicles, from a cart to a pleasure carriage, besides repairing and painting in all its branches. His factory is located on Eastern Ave., opposite Maplewood Depot, and comprises two floors 35x40 feet, and is well equipped so that order work can generally be done at very short notice. Three assistants are well employed and carriages will be called for and delivered. This business was established in 1883, by the present proprietor, who is a native of Maine, and who has so ably and honorably conducted it that his enterprise is second to that of no other in this prosperous town.

MRS. C. P. LACOSTE, Real Estate, and Insurance Agent, 62 Pleasant Street, Malden.—The lady whose card we print above has been engaged in business, here at Malden, for about twenty-two years, and is even more generally known in business and social circles throughout this vicinity than that fact would seem to indicate, for she established the first circulating library in Malden. Mrs. C. P. Lacoste, who is a native of Newburyport, Mass., began operations in Malden in 1870, and is now the proprietress of the "Ladies' Exchange Circulating Library," agent for the National Steam Dye House, and also a real estate and insurance agent, and has permission to give as references: Hon. E. S. Converse, Hon. M. Coggan, H. H. Barrett, E. A. Stevens, Jr., Thomas Dowling, G. W. Wilson, G. W. Barrett, H. M. Hartshorn, First National Bank, Malden Savings Bank, C. M. Nordstrom, M. D., Julia Russell, M.D., Malden. Bicknell & Robinson, A. A. Knights, C. H. Sprague & Son, Coggan & Schofield, Boston. Her extensive and varied acquaintance among investors, active business men, and others, is of course of great use to her in her present line of effort, and she is in a position to render valuable assistance in the buying, selling, exchanging and leasing of real estate, also collecting of rents and making repairs on property, and the placing of fire insurance for large or small amounts in the most reliable companies, and on the most favorable terms. Mrs. Lacoste occupies premises at 62 Pleasant Street, where she solicits patronage, and is in a position to satisfy the most exacting patron in either department of her business, and all callers will find her intelligent, progressive and thoroughly reliable in all business transactions, and a lady whom it is pleasant to deal with, and who has won the high esteem of a large circle of patrons throughout Malden and vicinity.

C. E. MARSH,

Lunch Rooms, ALSO, DEALER IN Cigars, Candies, Pastry, Cake, Etc.

24 SUMMER STREET, MALDEN, MASS.

Mr. C. E. Marsh is very favorably known to the residents of Malden, and also to many who have occasion to visit that pleasant and wide-awake city, for he has been engaged in his present line of business here for about four years, and he carries on as attractive, neat, well-equipped and well-managed a lunch room as can be found in any of Boston's numerous and populous suburbs. This is by no means the whole scope of his business, he being a dealer in Stationery, Confectionery, Bread, Cake and Pastry, Cigars and Tobacco, Soda Water, and other unpretentious but very popular articles, but it is as a Lunch Room that his place is best known to the public, and we take pleasure in heartily recommending it, for it is one of those far too scarce lunch rooms where the food is excellent, the prices reasonable and the service prompt and efficient. During the oyster season, Oyster Stews, etc., are specialties here, and very palatable and generally satisfying "oyster orders" are served at short notice and at moderate rates. Delicious Tea and Coffee, Ham, Tongue and Corned Beef Sandwiches, all kinds of Pie, Bread, Rolls and Cake—these are "standard" supplies, that is, they may be obtained at any time; and an important feature of the business is the sale of Bread, Pastry, Sandwiches, Cake, etc., to take home or as luncheon to be eaten elsewhere. A fine assortment of cigars and tobacco may always be found here, and the confectionery is varied in kind and excellent in quality. Mr. Marsh gives close personal attention to the supervision of affairs, and spares no pains to fully maintain the well-deserved popularity of his establishment.

MRS. DR. RICH, Chiropodist, 100 Pleasant St., Malden, Mass.—If one is afflicted with troubles of the feet arising from corns, bunions, ingrowing nails or club nails, etc., the wisest course to pursue is to visit an experienced chiropodist, who has the experience and skill to treat such by the latest improved methods, for relief is positively assured and permanent cure is rendered probable by such action. In this connection it is fitting that we should make mention of Mrs. Dr. Rich, for this lady has had extended experience as a chiropodist and has practiced four years in Malden, and is thoroughly competent to perform the duties connected with her profession, as her numerous patients will gladly testify. Ladies, gentlemen and children are all assured prompt and careful attention, and at her office, at No. 100 Pleasant St., is open day and evening (except Mondays, which is devoted to patrons at their homes), its advantages may be utilized, even by those whose spare time is limited. Special attention is given to successfully treating club nails, etc. No extravagant charges are made, but at the same time, all work is done thoroughly, skillfully, and with the least possible inconvenience to those being operated upon.

JOHN CADDY, Custom Boot and Shoemaker. Repairing Neatly and Promptly Executed. Moderate Prices. Beach Street, next to Post Office, Linden, Mass.—Mr. John Caddy has been engaged in the Boot and Shoe business for many years, and has conducted his present enterprise since 1891, in Linden, Mass. The premises occupied are located on Beach Street, next to the Post Office, and comprises one floor 25x15 feet in dimensions, and a select assortment is carried of Boots, Shoes and Rubbers, while special inducements are offered in Custom Made Boots and Shoes. His stock includes goods suited to all kinds of wear, and whether a dress boot or a working shoe is wanted, he can fill the order in the most satisfactory manner. Mr. Caddy is in a position to guarantee the quality of the goods he handles, and although he does not pretend to sell "below the cost of manufacture," still there is no more likely place at which to look for bargains, for Mr. Caddy is a careful and discriminating buyer, and by watching the market is often able to secure standard articles below the regular rates, which advantage he will divide with his patrons. Repairing is neatly and promptly done at moderate prices. Mr. Caddy is a native of England, and well known throughout this vicinity.

J. MILTON GOODWIN & CO., Groceries, Hay, Grain and Provisions, Bread, Pastry and Confectionery, Temperance Drinks, etc., Cor. Broadway and Salem St., opposite Car Stables, Car Station, Maplewood, Malden, Mass.—The establishment conducted by Messrs. J. Milton Goodwin & Co., on corner of Broadway and Salem Street, is a thoroughly representative one, for not only is the enterprise itself a leader in its special line, but the proprietors are representative business men. Mr. Goodwin is a native of Saco, Maine, and has carried on his present undertaking since 1879. The premises occupied comprise one floor, 10x15 feet, and a cellar 20x26 feet in dimensions, and contain a well chosen stock comprising Groceries, Provisions, Hay and Grain, Bread, Pastry and Confectionery, etc., the assortment being one of the most complete and desirable in the country. These goods are fresh and carefully selected, and will be sold at very reasonable prices. A large retail business is done and every order is assured immediate and careful attention, as the proprietors give their close personal attention to the business, and being well posted in its various details are able to maintain the high standard of efficiency they have established.

MRS. C. CALDWELL, Fancy and Variety Goods, 14 Lebanon St., Maplewood, Malden, Mass.—It is difficult and almost impossible to give an idea of the nature of the inducements offered at the establishment conducted by Mrs. C. Caldwell, at 14 Lebanon St., within the limited space at our command, for the lady in question deals in Fancy Dry Goods, Ribbons, Ladies' and Children's Hosiery and Underwear, and a general variety of other articles, etc., and any verbal description must, even under the most favorable circumstances, be inadequate and unsatisfactory. This enterprise was established by Miss Chase in 1890, she being succeeded by the present proprietress, who is a native of Malden. The premises occupied comprise one floor 15x15 feet in dimensions, and a choice and varied stock is carried, comprising the very latest fashionable novelties in the way of Fancy Dry Goods, Dressmakers' Findings, etc. If we can interest our readers sufficiently to cause them to visit the establishment in question and see for themselves, we are sure that the result will be satisfactory to all parties concerned.

R. H. WAUGH, **MERCHANT :: TAILOR.**

◁ LARGEST ASSORTMENT OF ▷

◁ FOREIGN ^{AND} DOMESTIC GOODS IN THE CITY. ▷

92 PLEASANT STREET, MALDEN, MASS.

... MODERATE PRICES. ...

WOLFSEN & HEWS, Dentists, Room 3, Masonic Hall Building, No. 76 Pleasant Street, Malden, Mass.—It is doubtful if there is any other profession largely represented in this country in which the average of merit is so high as it is in that of the dentist, for American dentists are noted to be the best in the world, they being as a rule thoroughly trained, expert in the use of the apparatus, and of the many tools utilized in modern dentistry, prompt in availing themselves of newly discovered methods possessing real value, and ingenious in so adapting means to ends as to attain a desired result in the simplest and most satisfactory manner. But while this is true of the profession as a whole, it is by no means true of every individual in the profession, and care should be taken to avoid the comparatively few dentists who are seriously deficient in technical training, in mechanical facilities, or in natural ability. The enviable reputation attained by Messrs. Wolfesen & Hews during the years that they have practiced in Malden affords the best possible proof that they are deficient in none of these respects, and this fact is further demonstrated by the magnitude and character of their practice. Mr. Wolfesen began operations in his profession here at Malden in 1881, and associated himself with Mr. Hews in 1890. Mr. Wolfesen is a native of Germany and Mr. Hews of Maine, and both are well educated and thoroughly experienced dentists. They utilize a well appointed suite of rooms at 76 Pleasant Street (Masonic Hall Building, Room 3), where they are prepared to consult with and treat patients, all dental work being done in a skillful and perfectly satisfactory manner, at very reasonable prices.

W. C. TABER & CO., The West End Clothiers and Furnishers, 22 Summer St., Malden, Mass.—Messrs. W. C. Taber & Co., the West End Clothiers and Furnishers, have not carried on operations in Malden a great length of time, for they bought out Mr. W. H. Hodgman in 1892, but ability and not time is what builds up a business in a really live community, and as this house have amply demonstrated their ability to furnish just the kind of clothing and furnishings the public want at just the kind of prices the public want to pay, they have already built up a trade which furnishes the best possible evidence that they have "come to stay,"—that is, to stay in business here but not to "stay put," for you can't expect so progressive a house as this to stay put anywhere,—upward and onward is their motto and their practice. Mr. Taber is a native of Maine, and he is well acquainted with the clothing trade in general and city trade in particular, he having formerly been with Messrs. Whitten, Burdett & Co., wholesale clothiers, of Boston, who do not only an immense business but one that necessitates the handling of clothing that will suit the most fastidious. But the best and easiest way to find out what Mr. Taber knows about the clothing business is to visit the West End Clothing and Furnishing Store, at No. 22 Summer St. There you will find goods that will suit you; there you will find prices quoted that will make you examine garments again to see if you were not mistaken as to their style and quality when you first examined them; and there you will receive prompt and courteous attention and be given every opportunity to find out just what you are looking at and to pick out just the garment or suit that you prefer. The stock is varied, the styles correct, the range of sizes great enough to ensure a fit to about everybody. A full line of Boys' Clothing has recently been added, and every article is sold strictly on its merits or else not sold at all. Therefore, this store is well worthy of the great and growing popularity it enjoys. They have the agency for both hand laundered and machine laundered work.

NEWMAN & RIGGS, Real Estate, Insurance, Mortgages, Builders and Contractors, 1 Beacon St., Boston; Maplewood Square, Malden, Mass.—The firm of Newman & Riggs is of recent establishment, but the members of it are by no means inexperienced and are well and favorably known in the building trade, Mr. Albert S. Newman having carried on business in Malden for the past seven years as a real estate and insurance agent, and Mr. Francis P. Riggs being a practical builder who has executed many important commissions in Malden and vicinity. The main office of the concern is at No. 1 Beacon St., Boston, and they have a Malden office in Maplewood Square, as the bulk of their business in connection with the handling of real estate, the placing of insurance the negotiation of mortgages, and the carrying on of operations as builders and contractors, is in this city and vicinity. Messrs. Newman & Riggs recognize the fact that the rapid growth of Malden of late years is but an earnest of what may be expected in the future, and they propose to aid in the development of the city by furnishing desirable building sites at reasonable rates and by erecting buildings at the lowest price consistent with strict adherence to both the letter and the spirit of contracts. They are certainly well qualified to do so, and such of our readers as are thinking of securing a suburban residence would best serve their own interests by communicating with this reliable firm. They are also prepared to render efficient service in connection with the renting, selling and exchanging of real estate, and to place insurance in the leading companies at the lowest prevailing rates; also to negotiate mortgages for large or small amounts at short notice and on favorable terms.

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SPECIAL ATTENTION GIVEN TO THE CARE OF PROPERTY AND COLLECTION OF RENTS.

GEO. J. HUNT, 246 Main Street, Cor. Madison, Malden, Mass. Fresh Bakery Goods, Pure Confectionery, and a Choice Quality of Light Groceries.—The enterprise carried on by Mr. George J. Hunt certainly deserves prominent mention in a review of Malden's business undertakings, for this establishment is favorably known in connection with the sale of family food supplies. Mr. Hunt is a Retail Baker and Dealer in Light Groceries and is prepared to furnish Bread, Cake and Pastry of the best quality, to suit, at bottom prices. Staple and Fancy Groceries are dealt in also, a varied stock being carried and no pains being spared to supply goods that will give uniform satisfaction at prices as low as can be named on articles of similar grade. Mr. Hunt is a native of Charleston, Mass., and is a veteran of the late war, having served as sergeant in the 1st New Hampshire Heavy Artillery, and began his present enterprise here in 1891. The premises occupied are located on Main Street and comprise one floor 20x30 feet in dimensions. Callers are assured prompt and polite attention, and all orders, large or small, will be carefully filled.

MISS E. D. FISH, Dealer in Fancy Goods and Small Wares, No. 104 Pleasant Street, Malden, John D. Cutter's Spool Silk and Twist. Employment Office. Stamping Done While You Wait.—No more truly representative establishment can be found in Malden, than that carried on by Miss E. D. Fish, for this enterprise was inaugurated by her in 1888, she having since conducted the business in a manner which has given it a leading position among similar undertakings in this section. Miss Fish is a native of Boston, Mass., and is thoroughly conversant with her business in all its details. A large and varied stock is carried, and well arranged premises are occupied at No. 104 Pleasant Street, consisting of one-half of floor 30x22 feet in size. The other side being occupied by Messrs. Edward S. Brown & Co., jewelers. Fancy Goods and small wares of all kinds are handled and ample opportunity is given for the accommodation of a complete assortment of the articles mentioned. Stamping is also done here at short notice and while you wait. The Malden people have long since learned that "full value for money received," is the cardinal principle of the management, and the present extent of the business shows that this policy is not only known but appreciated. Prompt and polite attention to callers is another popular feature, employment being given to one assistant, while Miss Fish spares no pains to fully maintain the reputation of her establishment.

J. B. RODGERS & CO., Fine Groceries and Provisions, also Dealer in Hardware, Paints, Oils, Hay, Grain, Wood and Coal, 38 Faulkner Street, Faulkner Station, Malden, Mass.—The establishment conducted by Messrs. J. B. Rodgers & Co., at No. 38 Faulkner Street, Malden, is a thoroughly representative one, for not only is the enterprise itself a leader in its special line, but the proprietor is a representative business man, having had twenty years' experience with the Standard Sugar Refinery of Boston. Mr. J. B. Rodgers is a native of Quincy, Mass., and his house has carried on their present business since 1891, they having established it in that year. The premises occupied are very spacious, comprising one floor 75x30 feet, and two cellars 75x30 feet in dimensions. They contain a heavy and carefully chosen stock of Fine Groceries and Provisions, etc., also Hardware, Paints, Oils, Hay and Grain, etc., the assortment as a whole being one of the most complete and desirable in this vicinity. A retail business is done and every order large or small, is assured immediate and careful attention, for employment is given to five reliable and competent assistants, and every facility is provided to enable commission to be promptly and accurately executed. Under these circumstances it goes without saying that Messrs. Rodgers & Co. are in a position to meet all honorable competition by quoting the lowest market rates.

C. SARGENT.

F. H. SARGENT.

C. SARGENT & CO.,

UNDERTAKERS AND PRACTICAL EMBALMERS,

Residence and Warerooms, 24 Irving Street, Malden, Mass.

TELEPHONE CONNECTION.

Although good sense forbids there being too much stress put on the thought of death under ordinary circumstances, still it is but the part of common prudence to be prepared to act with promptness and decision in any emergency, and, therefore, we feel that the information that we propose to supply regarding the establishment conducted by Messrs. C. Sargent & Co., whose residence and warerooms are located at 24 Irving Street, will be neither out of place nor neglected. The establishment in question was founded in 1885 by Mr. C. Sargent, and so conducted until 1890, when Mr. Frank H. Sargent was admitted to the business, since which date it has been carried on under the style of C. Sargent & Co. These gentlemen are both natives of Massachusetts and very highly esteemed throughout Malden and vicinity. They are fully prepared to assume entire control of Funerals and to supply everything required at equitable rates. All branches of the undertaking profession are carried on in a strictly first-class manner, and the premises occupied at the above address are appropriately fitted up for the purpose for which they are used. Both members of the firm give close personal attention to the details of their business, and as they have every necessary facility at hand, they are ever ready to assume all responsible duties connected with their line of business and to execute all commissions in a thoroughly competent and perfectly satisfactory manner.

F. P. GREENE, Machinist and Steam-Fitter. All Kinds of Repairs, Experimental Work, Etc., No 107 Madison St., Malden, Mass.—It is well for every manufacturer, and also for every user of steam-heating apparatus, to know the address of a thoroughly competent and reliable machinist and steam-fitter, for, as a rule, when repairing of machinery or steam-piping is needed, it is needed badly and delay in obtaining it is sure to prove expensive and sometimes dangerous. Therefore, we take pleasure in informing our readers that Mr. F. P. Greene's shop is at No. 107 Madison St., for he is an experienced and reliable Machinist and Steam-Fitter; he employs five competent assistants, has a well-equipped shop, and makes a specialty of doing all kinds of jobs, such as repairing of Bicycles, sharpening of Lawn Mowers and Skates, besides doing experimental work and everything pertaining to a modern machine and steam-fitting business. He carries steam-pipe and fittings in stock. His shop is connected by telephone and orders so sent are assured as prompt and careful attention as if given in person. Mr. Greene is a native of Myron, Maine, and assumed sole control of his present enterprise in 1890, when he succeeded Messrs. B. S. Hale & Co., who in 1889 had succeeded Messrs. Greene & Moulton, who began operations in 1884. This shop has an excellent and well-earned reputation throughout Malden and vicinity, and it is perfectly safe to say that this reputation will steadily continue to increase as long as the present methods of management are continued.

WM. A. ELWELL, Merchant Tailor, 539 Salem St., Maplewood, Malden, Mass. Clothing Dyed, Cleaned, Pressed and Repaired, at Short Notice.—With a thorough knowledge of the business, after seventeen years' experience, having acquired the reputation of expert as a cutter of fashionable and artistic clothing, and a thorough knowledge of every detail. Mr. Wm. A. Elwell has established at No. 539 Salem Street, what is now one of the most popular tailoring establishments in this city. It is well arranged for the display of stock, which includes a choice assortment of Foreign and Domestic Woolens. The line of goods carried is sure to meet the wants of the most fastidious and fashionable. The stock shown by Mr. Elwell is from the best manufacturers, and contains all the latest novelties. Four competent and skilled assistants are employed, and the premises utilized comprise one floor 20x30 feet in dimensions. Mr. Elwell is a native of Cambridgeport, Mass., and began operations here in 1891. He is a Merchant Tailor and has acquired a reputation for strict attention to business, liberality in all his dealings, and care in the fit and fashion of garments, suits being made up in the latest styles and patterns at lowest prices, while qualities are guaranteed satisfactory, this fact having much to do with the success he has attained. All work is done promptly and always when promised.

H. L. THOMPSON, Dealer in Fine Groceries of Every Description, Four Leading Specialties, Teas, Coffees, Flour, Butter, also Fruits and Vegetables. The Best Quality Goods at Lowest Cash Prices. Orders taken for Coal and Wood. 374 Main Street, opp. Irving Street, Telephone No. 5542. Malden, Mass.—No firm can carry on the retail grocery business for several years without becoming widely known in the neighborhood in which they are located, and if they find after a while that their business is increasing and the number of regular customers is larger than ever before, it is evident that their business methods must be liberal and honorable, and their goods first-class in every respect. The record of the business conducted by Mr. Harvey L. Thompson has been such as we have noted, and a visit to his store at the present time will show that he was never in a better condition to meet the demands of his customers. He employs five thoroughly reliable assistants, and carries a large and choice stock of Groceries of every description, his four leading specialties being Teas, Coffees, Flour and Butter. He also deals in Fruits and Vegetables. Mr. Thompson's goods are of the very best quality and cannot fail to give satisfaction, while the prices are as low as good articles in this line of trade can be sold for. The premises occupied are located at 374 Main Street, opposite Irving Street, and comprise one floor and basement, covering an area of 3,000 square feet, and in addition a store house in the rear. This store has recently been enlarged by an extension in the rear which now affords a back entrance for the reception and shipping of goods. The store is ninety (90) feet long and neatly kept, and everything about it shows that it is first-class and that the best of trade will be served here. Mr. Thompson, who is a Maine man by birth, established his business here at Malden in 1884, and has built it up to its present high position by his intelligent personal application, and takes just pride in his reputation for just and square dealings.

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BENJ. GREY, Florist, Orchids and Choice Flowers a Specialty. Store, 28 Summer Street, Malden, Mass. Greenhouses at Maplewood Station.—There being a very extensive demand for flowers in Boston, as there is in every other large city, it is natural that there should be many florists and many extensive greenhouses in the suburbs of New England's metropolis; but numerous and extensive as the latter are it is safe to assert that the greenhouses maintained by Mr. Benjamin Grey are considered more interesting and important than any of the others, by those who have made a study of or for some other reason are especially interested in choice flowers, for Mr. Grey makes a specialty of Orchids and Choice Flowers and is the most extensive grower of Orchids and Water Lilies in New England. Some idea of the extent and importance of his business in water lilies alone may be gained from the fact that he is prepared to supply some fifty varieties in shade; the principal colors from which the shades range being snow white, cream white, pink white, sulphur yellow and deep golden yellow, besides all the shades of blue and purple. For twenty years Mr. Grey has been engaged in the cultivation of aquatics in general and water lilies in particular, in fact he was the pioneer in this country in this important department of horticulture. He is in correspondence with horticulturists in all parts of the world, and has an extensive interchange trade with them; that is, he does not make a business of exchanging his products for those of other florists, but he orders from almost all parts of the globe and he ships his products to many countries; this continent being covered, and plants being imported from and exported to Europe, Japan and other distant regions. Owing to his long experience and to the knowledge gained from many experiments and a large amount of correspondence on the subject, Mr. Grey is certainly well prepared to give satisfaction in every respect to those ordering aquatics from him, and as this is generally known and as this class of plants is highly appreciated and is rapidly gaining in popularity among the cultivated public, it is not surprising that there should be a great and growing demand for his productions. Several thousand feet of glass are devoted to Nymphaeas and Nelumbiums, and a large stock of all the leading and desirable kinds is constantly carried; so that orders can be promptly filled despite the magnitude of the business in this one department. Decorative Plants are also very extensively grown by Mr. Grey, and the most reliable standard kinds of Chrysanthemums, together with the best sorts of recent introduction, are very largely dealt in, as are the most desirable kinds of Shrubs, Hardy Climbers, Conifers, Roses, and other flowers that are always in demand. Of Orchids Mr. Grey has the largest commercial collection in New England, and all the leading varieties are included in it. His greenhouses are at Maplewood Station, on Eastern Ave., and an idea of their magnitude may be gained from the fact that about an acre of glass is utilized. The store is at No. 28 Summer St., and is in charge of Mr. Edward F. Casteller, who had nineteen years of experience in the business in Boston, and of course is familiar with it in every detail. Quite an extensive retail business is done, but it is small in comparison with the wholesale department; the annual sale of plants, etc., throughout this country and abroad being very large in amount and great in value.

P. McLEAN, Dealer in all kinds of Fish, Oysters, Clams, etc. Also Wood, Coal and Kindlings, Middlesex Market, Shute's Block, Ferry Street, Malden, Mass.—The business carried on by Mr. Phillip McLean at the Middlesex Market, in Shute's Block, Ferry Street, was founded about a quarter of a century ago, so it is one of the oldest as well as one of the largest of the kind in the city. Mr. McLean is a dealer in what is beginning to be called nowadays "Sea Food,"—that is, Fish, Oysters, Clams, Lobsters, Scallops, Shrimps, Crabs, in short, everything that is taken from the ocean and regularly used as food in civilized communities. His stock is always carefully selected, and almost always complete, so that nearly everything coming under the head of seasonable sea food can be found at his store, and the prices quoted are always in strict accordance with the lowest market rates. Mr. McLean also deals in Wood, Coal and Kindlings, and is prepared to fill orders promptly and accurately, and to furnish goods that will surely prove satisfactory, at very reasonable prices. Employment is given to two assistants; and the facilities for delivery in any part of the city are such as to practically assure the attainment of thoroughly satisfactory results.

RAILROAD CAFE. J. J. Brock, Proprietor. 236 Pleasant Street, Malden, Mass.—One of the mysteries of life in our American towns has always been the poorness of the restaurant facilities. It is not so in other countries—in England, Germany or France—for in all those nations may be found many excellent public eating houses where good meals may be obtained at moderate expense, but in the United States it is really difficult to find a well managed and moderate priced restaurant. We therefore take all the more pleasure in calling attention to the "Railroad Cafe, carried on by Mr. J. J. Brock, at No. 236 Pleasant Street, for this is an establishment which can be highly commended to all who appreciate carefully selected and well cooked food, prompt and polite service, and uniformly reasonable prices. The premises made use of comprise one floor 24x36 feet and a kitchen 20x20 feet in dimensions, and are very neatly and conveniently fitted up. Employment is given to five assistants and meals are promptly and politely served at all hours. Mr. Brock began operations here in 1891, and is to be congratulated on his success in building up his present extensive and steadily increasing business. He also carries a fine line of Choice Cigars and Confectionery, and gives his close personal supervision to the many details of his enterprise.



CENTRAL SQUARE AND PLEASANT STREET, MALDEN.

" BENJAMIN & VAUGHAN'S Express, Central Office, 35 Middlesex Street, Malden, Mass. Telephone, Malden 211. Storage, Furniture Moving.—An express service is very much like that famous little girl we have all beard of, for, "When she was good she was very good indeed, but when she was bad she was horrid," so it is with an express service, and we feel confident that such of our readers as have had the most dealings with Benjamin & Vaughan's Express will most heartily endorse our statement that it is "very good indeed," and gives every evidence of judicious but liberal expenditure and careful and skillful management. It was started away back in 1857 by Mr. C. E. Benjamin and in 1859 the present firm was formed by the admission of Mr. George W. Vaughan. Mr. Benjamin was born in Montpelier, Vermont, and Mr. Vaughan in Boston, Mass. The business was very largely developed by the untiring efforts of both partners. During the third of a century they were associated together, or until the death of Mr. Benjamin in 1892. But the business is continued with change of firm name. The magnitude of the express and trucking facilities controlled by this firm is worthy of special mention, so we may say that they keep 30 horses and run 9 teams; including 1 four horse team, 7 two horse teams and 1 one horse team. Two regular trips each way are daily made between Boston and Malden, and freight is called for and delivered in both cities. The central office is at No. 35 Middlesex Street, Malden; the telephone call being "Malden 211," and orders left at either of the following places are also assured prompt and careful attention: Malden—B. & M. R. R. News Stand, E. R. R. Centre Depot, Farnham's, Central Square, Bell Rock, E. R. R. Station. Boston—15 Devonshire Street, 105 Arch Street, 91 Kilby Street, 34 Court Square. The premises utilized comprise 2 brick buildings, one measuring 72x30 feet and the other 90x44 feet. The latter is made use of as a Storage Warehouse, storage being a specialty with this firm. They also make a specialty of piano and furniture moving, and if you wish to have such work done carefully, quickly and economically you will save yourself trouble and be assured satisfaction by placing the order with this thoroughly well equipped and responsible concern.

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HOME BOARDING HOUSE AND RESTAURANT, Nos. 233 and 235 Pleasant Street, Malden, Mass. Albert H. Stoddard, Prop.—Whether we “Eat to Live” or “Live to Eat,” the fact still remains that on the quality and amount of the food consumed our health and enjoyment are largely dependent, as also upon the accommodation we enjoy for rest and retirement, hence a neat and desirable room for either permanent or transient use is of important consideration to many. Therefore we take pleasure in calling attention to the fine accommodations offered by Mr. Albert H. Stoddard at the Home Boarding House and Restaurant at Nos. 233 and 235 Pleasant Street, Malden, near the depot of the Western Division of the Boston & Maine R. R., for here you can be accommodated with a good desirable room and good appetizing and nutritious meals, and at prices within the reach of all. The bill of fare is not large, but ample, and the food being excellently cooked and well served, while the prices are remarkably low considering the accommodations offered. This business was started some years ago and was conducted for six years by Mr. C. G. Fox, who was succeeded by the present proprietor in 1892. Mr. Stoddard is experienced in this line of business, having run a first-class boarding house in Lowell for nine years before coming here. He is a native of Vermont and a veteran of the late war and a member of the G. A. R. He gives close personal attention to the business. The dining room will seat forty guests. A fine assortment of cigars is carried. Good rooms are furnished at reasonable rates, and meals for either transient or regular boarders.

H. C. GOODWIN, Apothecary, Malden, Mass.—When deciding where to have a prescription filled it is very natural that the preference should be given to an establishment which has been successfully carried on for nearly twenty years, for so prolonged a career argues the exercise of intelligent care as well as the possession of all necessary facilities. This pharmacy was established by the present proprietor, Mr. Henry C. Goodwin, in 1874 in Dover, N. H., and after carrying it on for many years was started in Malden in 1890. He is a native of Milton, N. H., and the policy he has followed is indicated by the steadily increasing popularity of the enterprise. A specialty has been made from the very first of the compounding of physicians' prescriptions, and no pharmacy in town is better prepared to fill such orders promptly, accurately and cheaply. Mr. Goodwin carries a large stock of Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals, etc., and from his long and honorable record in the prescription department amply demonstrates to those who wish to feel assured that the choicest ingredients and the most intelligent care are used in the compounding of prescriptions; they can gain such assurance by patronizing this popular pharmacy. The premises occupied are finely fitted up in mahogany finish, are located on Pleasant Street, and comprise one floor 40x18 feet in dimensions. It also contains an elegant soda fountain with marble counters where the best of soda is served. Mr. Goodwin makes a specialty of some proprietary remedies of his own manufacture, which have proved to be of great merit and value where they have been used; among them we mention his Sarsaparilla, Tooth Powder, All Healing Ointment, Anti-Bilious Bitters, Kidney and Liver Medicines, Stomach Bitters, Lewis' Cholera Cordial, Cough Mixture, etc. Mr. Goodwin is agent for a “hand laundry,” where the very best of laundry work is done without any of the destructive agents sometimes used for cleansing effect.

WM. F. HEERKLOSS, Baker and Confectioner, 364 Main and 229 Pleasant Streets, Malden Mass.—A business that has been successfully carried on for a quarter of a century is certainly uncommon enough to deserve especially prominent mention, but that conducted by Mr. William F. Heerkloss is worthy of prominent mention on account of its popularity and its magnitude without considering its age, for it is an open secret that this is the leading enterprise of the kind in Malden. It was established in 1868 by Mr. Wm. Heerkloss, and in 1888 it came under the control of Messrs. Fred. and Wm. F. Heerkloss, who carried on operations under the style of Heerkloss Brothers until 1892, when Mr. Wm. F. Heerkloss assumed sole control. The premises utilized are located at No. 364 Main Street and at No. 229 Pleasant Street, the former being used especially as a Bakery and as a salesroom for Baker's Goods of all kinds, while the latter is principally devoted to the manufacture and sale of Confectionery and Ice Cream. The facilities for manufacturing are large, and both a wholesale and a retail business is done; employment being given to thirty assistants and the arrangements being such as to ensure the prompt and accurate delivery of orders, as eight teams are in constant use. No better goods are obtainable in any market and at any price than those made and sold by Mr. Heerkloss, and it is a significant fact that the oldest residents and the most experienced and fastidious buyers of Malden are numbered among his regular customers. Mr. Heerkloss has an established route through Malden, Everett, Stoneham, Medford and Melrose.

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A. J. MEYERS & CO., Practical Plumbers, Tin and Sheet Iron Workers. Special Attention Paid to Ventilation and Drainage. Furnaces a Specialty, also Tin Roofing. All Orders Promptly Attended to; Satisfaction Guaranteed. 14 Railroad Square (Opposite Depot), Faulkner, Mass.—Everybody knows that “an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure,” but everybody does not take advantage of this knowledge, and the result is that much serious sickness occurs that is entirely unnecessary, as it is plainly the consequence of carelessness. Some of the most common and most deadly diseases are caused by defective plumbing, for sewer gas is as much a poison as arsenic, and the only way to keep it out of a house is to have the drainage system scientifically arranged and thoroughly constructed. In this connection we take pleasure in calling attention to the facilities possessed by Messrs. A. J. Meyers & Co., for they conduct a business covering several distinct departments in character and each under the personal supervision of one of the partners. Practical Plumbing Work is the leading feature and is in charge of Mr. H. E. Meyers, while the Tin Smithing Department is in charge of the senior partner, Mr. A. J. Meyers, and the Hardware, Paints and Oils, etc., is in charge of the junior member, Mr. W. F. Meyers. Their place of business is located at No. 14 Railroad Square, opp. depot, Faulkner, Malden, Mass., and consists of one floor 36x13 feet and a wing 12x14 feet in size. This enterprise was established in 1881 by the present proprietors, who are also Tin and Sheet Iron workers, while special attention is given to Ventilation and Drainage and the putting up of Furnaces, etc. They carry a stock of Hardware, Stoves, Ranges, Tin Ware, Paints and Oils, and Plumbers' Findings and employ four competent assistants, and are in a position to give immediate and careful attention to all jobbing and plumbing orders. Tin Roofing will be done in a superior manner at short notice, but a specialty is made of Fine Plumbing, and no house in the State does better work in this line or quotes lower prices.

MICHAEL O'LAUGHLIN, Merchant Tailor, 13 Irving Street, Malden, Mass.—Mr. Michael O'Laughlin does not charge the fancy prices which those who are fond of calling themselves “Artist Tailors” are so apt to quote; but his work is strictly first-class just the same, as will be agreed by any of our readers who are familiar with it. Although not calling himself an “Artist Tailor,” Mr. O'Laughlin does claim to be a “practical” tailor, and to cut, make and trim clothing in the very latest styles—a claim which we have no hesitation in saying is fully warranted by the facts in every respect. He is a native of Ireland and has carried on his present undertaking here since 1890. The premises occupied and located at 13 Irving Street comprise 1,000 square feet of floor space and contain every facility for the prompt and accurate filling of orders for custom work. Mr. O'Laughlin will make a suit or a single garment in a superior manner and at a very reasonable price, guaranteeing satisfaction as to fit, durability, etc. He was also one of a committee of fifteen who waited upon the Rt. Hon. Mr. Cross, Home Secretary in London, of the British Government, protesting against what is known as the “sweating system,” or making clothing in diseased and infected houses; the result was, the English Parliament passed a law forbidding clothing from being manufactured in such places and only manufactured in places approved of by the legal authorities. Repairing and cleaning of clothes is also done at short notice and at moderate charges, one competent assistant being employed. All callers are waited upon promptly and courteously.

MAIN STREET MARKET, Nicolls Brothers, Props. Meats and Provisions, 556 Main St., Malden, Mass.—The “Main Street Market,” of which Messrs. Nicolls Brothers are the proprietors, might without exaggeration be called the “Main Market of Malden,” for although it is of recent establishment (it having been opened by the present proprietors June 1st, 1892), there is not the least doubt that it has not only “come to stay” but “come to grow,” too; for it has been popular from the first, its patronage has steadily and rapidly increased, and the prospects are that it will continue to increase as long as the present method of management is continued, as the people of Malden know a good thing when they see it, and are not at all backward in supporting a store where they get satisfactory goods, low prices and prompt and reliable service. Shortly after Messrs. John T. and Edward R. Nicholls began operations here in Malden, they announced to the public “Buy your family supplies of us and you will get ‘protection’ from high prices and second-class goods,” and practical experience has taught the public that that announcement was not merely an attractive arrangement of words, but a simple statement of fact. The market is located at No. 556 Main St.; it is spacious and well equipped, and it contains a large and carefully selected stock, comprising Fresh, Salted and Smoked Meats; Seasonable Vegetables and Fruits, Choice Butter and Cheese, Fresh Eggs, an Assortment of Canned Goods put up by reputable packers, and in fact all the goods one expects to find in a first-class city market that caters especially to family trade. Callers are assured prompt and courteous attention, and the firm have such facilities for the calling for and delivery of orders that the service is accommodating, efficient and reliable; and it is not necessary to personally visit this market in order to get just what you want,—a fact which of itself goes far to explain the popularity of the Main Street Market among experienced housekeepers.

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HENRY L. MARTIN, Dealer in Furnaces, Ranges and Stoves, Plumbing and Tin Roofing, 103 Ferry St., Malden, Mass. Special Attention Given to Cleaning and Repairing Old Furnaces.—So many opposing statements have been made upon the subject of house heating, that it is perfectly natural that the "average man" should find it difficult to make up his mind when deciding what system of heating to adopt, but it will help him greatly to remember that practically everyone agrees that furnace heating is the best in theory, although many deny that it is the best in practice. And such is indeed the case,—that is, when you try to heat with a poor furnace or with a good furnace improperly set up. But if you use an improved furnace, one of sufficient capacity and one that is put in as it should be, you are sure of getting plenty of heat; sure of getting plenty of pure air instead of having to breathe the same air over and over again, and sure of having your house heated economically as well as healthfully and thoroughly. One sure way of attaining satisfactory results is to place your order with Mr. Henry L. Martin, for he makes a leading specialty of Furnace Work; is prepared to give you a low estimate on one of the best Furnaces in Boston markets, and to guarantee satisfaction if you will allow him to put the heating apparatus up and will use it in accordance with instructions. He gives careful attention to the Cleaning and Repairing of Old Furnaces, and his charges are very reasonable, especially when compared with the amount of money saved on fuel by having such work done. Mr. Martin deals in Stoves and Ranges, as well as in Furnaces, and is prepared to furnish the most efficient, economical, and ornamental articles of that kind at the lowest prevailing rates. Orders for Plumbing and Tin Roofing are assured as prompt and skillful attention as are those for furnace and stove work, employment being given to two competent assistants. The store is conveniently located at No. 103 Ferry St., and it will certainly pay you to visit it before you place an order elsewhere for anything in Mr. Martin's line.

F. N. JOSLIN & CO. (Successors to Geo. F. Tufts), Dealers in Dry Goods and Gents' Furnishings, corner Main and Pleasant Streets, Malden, Mass.—There is no denying the fact that the dry goods merchants located in Malden and in other cities and towns near Boston have to compete with the great houses that are such prominent features of New England's metropolis, but neither is there any denying the fact that not a few of them carry on that competition successfully,—so successfully that the most skillful buyers prefer to make a very large proportion of their purchases "at home," or in other words, without visiting the "Hub." It is not for us to go into detail explaining why the "biggest houses" by no means always offer the "biggest bargains"—suffice it to say that "big rents" "big running expenses" and "big transient trade" are not intimately associated with "big bargains" and,—well, "a word to the wise is sufficient." Speaking of bargains calls to mind the store carried on by Messrs. F. N. Joslin & Co., at the corner of Main and Pleasant Streets, for although this is not one of those establishments that are widely advertised as "bargain stores," it is a fact that no more genuine bargains in the way of Dry Goods and Gents' Furnishings are to be found in the city than are offered here. The stock is always extensive, varied, and largely made up of the latest fashionable novelties; and the prices are actually as low as the lowest, due attention being given, of course, to the question of quality. This business was founded in 1856 by Mr. A. H. Newhall and in 1886 came under the control of Mr. George F. Tufts, who was succeeded by the present firm in 1891. Employment is given to eleven assistants, and callers are assured that prompt, intelligent and courteous service which is one of the most gratifying as it is one of the most characteristic features of a really first-class store.

W. H. CUNNINGHAM, Wholesale and Retail Dealer in Hay, Grain, Meal, Corn, Oats, Feed and New York Rye Straw. Canada and Eastern Hay a Specialty. Office, No. 9 Stanwood's Block. Elevator, Clinton Street, Malden, Mass.—Such of our readers as have had any extended experience in the buying of hay, grain and feed will readily agree that much trouble and loss of time are to be avoided by placing orders with a house that may be depended upon not only to furnish goods of standard merit but to deliver them promptly and accurately, and no dealer in the hay and grain trade known to us has a higher reputation for furnishing such commodities, in such a manner, than has Mr. W. H. Cunningham, doing business at Malden. His office is located at No. 9 Stanwood's Block, and his elevator on Clinton Street. He utilizes extensive premises and constantly carries a heavy stock comprising all standard grades of Hay, Grain, Meal, Corn, Oats, Feed, and New York Rye Straw, Canada and Eastern Hay, and makes a specialty of "Big Bonanza," flour which has been on this market for twenty years and will make eighteen loaves of bread more than any other flour on the market. Mr. W. H. Cunningham is prepared to execute even the largest wholesale commissions at very short notice and to fill the smallest orders promptly and carefully. Mr. Cunningham, who is a native of Malden, founded his present extensive business in 1870, and has steadily increased the efficiency and reliability of its service, until now it is very extensive and both wholesale and retail in character, and all patrons will find that he quotes positively bottom prices on his goods, and guarantees them to prove as represented in every respect.



Jesse W. Sargent, Ph. G.,

WEST END

Pharmacist.

DRUG STORE.

No. 252 PLEASANT STREET,

MALDEN, MASS.

It is well for any community to have such an enterprise as that conducted by Mr. Jesse W. Sargent within its borders, for this undertaking has been carried on for about twenty-five years, and its management has been such as to fully justify the unbounded confidence reposed in it by the public. Mr. Sargent is a thoroughly educated and registered pharmacist, and proprietor of the West End Drug Store; he does a large retail business, carrying an extensive and valuable stock. No intelligent person needs to be told how important it is that physicians' prescriptions should be compounded of materials of standard strength, in the most careful and accurate manner, and as Mr. Sargent has every facility at hand for the proper filling of such orders, and is in a position to guarantee the quality of the agents employed, it is but natural that many residents of this section should make it a practice to have all their prescriptions compounded at this well-equipped establishment, especially as all undue delay is avoided and moderate charges are uniformly made. Mr. Sargent is a native of this State, and has been identified with his present business since 1885. He is a graduate of Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, and received the degree of Ph. G. He is also a member of American Pharmaceutical Association, and an active member of the College Alumni Association. Two competent assistants are employed, both of whom are registered pharmacists. All callers are treated with politeness and respect. A fine line of Druggists' Sundries, Cigars and Confectionery are always kept in stock.

PETER BOLL, Florist, A Specialty of Roses, 295 Salem Street, Faulkner, Malden, Mass.—People have become so accustomed to having an abundant supply of flowers the year round, that they seldom stop to consider the means by which this most desirable result is brought about, but the subject is an interesting one and a visit to a well appointed greenhouse will repay every thinking person. There is an immense amount of labor involved in the raising of flowers for the market, and a constant care and watchfulness which we believe has no parallel in any other line of business. Considering the difficulties met with and the cost of the necessary apparatus, it is surprising that flowers can be sold at the prices quoted on them, but competition will do wonders, and it certainly has resulted in the discovery of improved methods of flower culture. One of the most popular florists in this town is Mr. Peter Boll, who makes a specialty of Roses, and there is most excellent reason for this popularity, as Mr. Boll offers unsurpassed inducements to his customers and is noted for the great variety of Roses he cultivates and also the magnitude of the business done in this department, for he has a very large area under glass devoted exclusively to their cultivation. He deals in Cut Flowers, making a specialty of Roses, and maintains ten greenhouses, covering a glass area of 25,000 square feet in dimensions, and located at 295 Salem Street, Faulkner, Malden. Mr. Boll is a native of Rochester, N. Y., and does a wholesale business.

E. E. LOCKE, Coal and Wood, Lime, Cement and Drain Pipe, Office, No. 5 Stanwood's Block, Opposite B. & M. Depot, Telephone Connection. Wharf, 163 Medford Street, Malden, Mass. Order Boxes: E. Getze, Grain Store, 380 Main Street, and Eastern R. R. Depot, Ferry Street.—The business carried on by Mr. E. E. Locke may be divided into two departments, one of which has to do with the handling of coal and wood, and the other with the handling of lime, cement and drain pipe, but they are so intimately connected as to be practically identical and to possess the same characteristics, namely: promptness and accuracy of service, reliability of goods furnished and lowness of prices quoted. It is hardly necessary to add that a large business is done in each department, for the characteristics that we have noted cannot fail to be appreciated by an intelligent public, and one who would deny the intelligence of the Malden public must either be ignorant or else be one of those individuals who make false assertions. Mr. Locke was recently secretary of the Malden Board of Trade, Capt. of the "Malden Rifles," Co. L, 5th Regt. M. V. M., and is so widely known, especially in business circles, as to render further personal mention entirely unnecessary. His office is at No. 5 Stanwood's Block, opposite the Boston and Maine depot, and the wharf is at No. 163 Medford Street, it having telephone connection, so that orders can be quickly sent from any part of the city or its suburbs. There are order boxes at the Eastern R. R. depot, Ferry Street. Employment is given to twenty assistants, and the facilities for the handling and delivery of the bulky commodities dealt in are such as to ensure a prompt and thoroughly satisfactory service, while Mr. Locke's invariable practice of quoting the lowest market rates on each and all of the articles he deals in attracts and retains the patronage of the most careful buyers.



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This is a most desirable place for the purchase of Pianos, Organs and Sewing Machines, New or Second Hand. Mr. S. A. Hawke established himself here in 1886, and has from the first met with a decided and deserved success. In 1890 the name of the house was changed to the "Hawke's Malden Piano Rooms," still being under Mr. Hawke's management. He is a native of England and well known in this locality as being reliable and responsible, and has won success here through his sterling worth and business ability. The premises used and located at No. 73 Pleasant St. comprise one floor 40x25 feet in size, and are well filled with a good assortment of New and Second Hand Pianos, Organs and Sewing Machines of all makes and kinds. Mr. Hawke supplies everything in his line at moderate prices, either for cash or easy terms, and all instruments are warranted and satisfaction guaranteed in every instance. Mr. Hawke deals largely in all kinds of sewing machines and makes a specialty of repairing, etc. Three competent assistants are employed and all patrons and visitors are treated in a polite and courteous manner, while Mr. Hawke enjoys unsurpassed facilities for conducting a large retail trade. Piano and Organ Tuning is promptly done to order. Music Teachers are also furnished when desired.

N. G. COFREN, Apothecary, Confectionery, Fancy Goods, Medicines, etc., Opp. Depot Square, Faulkner, Mass.—The position of the apothecary and pharmacist unites the requirements and responsibilities of both the professional and business man, and as is always the case it thus involves peculiar fitness and the combination of rare and opposite characteristics of mind, which we seldom find in one individual, in order that the duties and cares may be properly met. To the fact that these conditions of scientific knowledge and business enterprise have been exceptionally well filled, is chiefly owing to the marked and increasing success which the establishment conducted by Mr. N. G. Cofren, at No. 46 Faulkner Street. This enterprise was founded in 1881 by the present proprietor. The premises are of the dimensions 30x20 feet, and are well fitted up with all necessary facilities and stocked with a complete assortment of Pure Drugs and Medicines, also Confectionery and Fancy Goods. Reliable assistants are employed and special attention is paid to the Prescription Department, which is managed with unusual accuracy. Mr. Cofren is a native of North Vienna, Maine, and is one of our most successful and popular pharmacists. He has had many years' experience in this business and has justly earned the esteem and appreciation of his fellow citizens. He is agent for F. P. Cox Laundry Co., and dealer in all the daily and Sunday papers.

J. F. HUBBARD, Dealer in Groceries and Provisions, Butter, Cheese, Eggs, Canned Goods, Crockery, Patent Medicines, etc., Linden, Malden, Mass.—"A representative enterprise conducted by a representative man," is about as short a description as can be given of the undertaking with which Mr. J. F. Hubbard is identified, but despite its brevity no one acquainted with the facts will question its correctness, for certainly a business which has been honorably and successfully conducted for so many years in one community is entitled to be called representative. Mr. Hubbard is a native of Allston, and has carried on his present business since 1891, it having been founded by Messrs. W. W. Hall & Co. in 1882. The premises occupied in Linden, Malden, Mass., comprise one floor and cellar 65 x20 feet, also a store house 40x35 feet in size. They contain a large and very varied stock, for it includes not only a full but complete stock of Groceries and Provisions, Butter, Cheese and Eggs, Canned Goods, Crockery and Patent Medicines, etc., also Hardware, Paints and Oils. A specialty is made of Belle Linden flour—the best in the market. An extensive wholesale and retail business is done, but as employment is given to four efficient assistants, all orders are assured immediate as well as careful attention. Mr. Hubbard quotes the lowest market rates on all the commodities he handles, and we need hardly say articles bought here will prove just what they are claimed to be.

HENRY J. COX & CO., Cox's Family Shoe Store. Established in 1849. Boots, Shoes, and Rubbers, No. 86 Pleasant Street, Malden, Mass.—"Cox's Family Shoe Store" is worthy of special mention for many reasons; as, for instance, its great age, its great popularity, and its general acceptance as Malden's representative establishment of the kind, but perhaps the most important reason of all is that this is really a "family" shoe store,—that is to say, one containing so varied, so carefully chosen and so complete a stock that both sexes, all ages and all purses are satisfactorily catered to. The business was founded away back in 1849, by Messrs. Samuel and Caswell Cox, and in 1861 Mr. Henry J. Cox assumed sole control; the present firm being formed in 1889, and consisting of Messrs. Henry J. Cox and C. F. Slocumb,—the latter having been connected with this store since 1871. Both partners are far too well known hereabouts to render further personal mention necessary. The premises made use of are located in Cox's Block at No. 86 Pleasant Street, and comprise one floor measuring 75x21 feet, and a basement measuring 40x21 feet. The stock is correspondingly large and it affords the best possible proof that Cox's Family Shoe Store caters to all classes of trade, for not only the latest fashionable novelties, but also full lines of staple goods are always to be found here and low-priced, medium-priced, and high-priced articles of foot-wear are offered at literally "the lowest market rates." Employment is given to five assistants, and the promptness and efficiency of the service is by no means the least gratifying feature of this popular establishment.



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MALDEN, MASS.

MAPLEWOOD SHOE STORE, Miss Sarah E. Reogh, Proprietress, Boots, Shoes and Rubbers, 583 Salem Street, Maplewood, Malden, Mass.—The present enterprise which Miss Reogh conducts in Maplewood was founded by her in 1889. Though she has not been long in trade, here she has satisfactorily catered to the best trade in town. We attribute as a cause of this success the fact that the lady in question has had several years' experience in the same line, and hence knows how to manage her establishment to her own best advantage. This she did by dealing reasonably with everybody as to the prices asked on her goods; these she obtains from the most reliable manufacturing houses in the country, always having in stock a full assortment of goods she can warrant to prove just as she represents. Our townspeople soon became aware that they could depend on the footwear they purchased at this establishment and that they can buy as cheap at home of Miss Reogh, as they can in Boston. The premises occupied are located at No. 583 Salem Street, and comprise one floor 20 x 20 feet in dimensions, and a large stock is carried of Boots, Shoes and Rubbers, all first-class, while only a fair living margin is put on the cost, and a large business is done.

C. F. DAVIS, Dry and Fancy Goods, 536 Salem St., Maplewood Square, Malden.—Notwithstanding the high average character of the many mercantile establishments in Maplewood and vicinity, it is obvious that here as elsewhere there must be certain houses in each line of trade which excel all others in the handling of given specialties, and it is an open secret that at the establishment conducted by Mr. C. F. Davis, at No. 536 Salem Street, unequaled inducements are offered to purchasers of Dry and Fancy Goods, Hosiery, Ribbons, Under-vests, Edgings, Stationery, etc. Mr. Davis certainly ought to be able to offer exceptional advantages to buyers of these goods, or of any other articles of which he makes specialties, for he has had long and varied experience in his present line of business. He is a native of Maine, and has long ranked among our representative Maplewood merchants. The store occupied comprises one floor 30x20 feet in dimensions, opportunity being given for the carrying of a carefully selected stock, and for the displaying of it to excellent advantage. New goods are being received constantly, while they are offered at lowest Boston prices. One assistant is employed and all callers are waited upon promptly and courteously.

MRS. C. F. DAVIS,

FASHIONABLE DRESSMAKER,

Rear of Dry Goods Store, MAPLEWOOD, MASS.

Mrs. Davis carries on a very successful business in Dressmaking in all its branches. Special attention given to cutting from accurate measurements by the Tailor system. Three assistants are employed in the season.

BROADWAY SQUARE DRUG CO., E. S. Dodge, Manager, Corner of Broadway and Salem Street, Maplewood, Malden, Mass.—The pharmacy carried on by the Broadway Drug Co. is most certainly deserving of prominent mention in a review of the representative establishments of this city, for although it is of recent origin (it having been opened in January, 1893), it is already so well known and so favorably regarded by the people that it is one of the most popular pharmacies in town, and it is evidently destined to be a permanent "institution." And certainly it well deserves immediate and pronounced success, for a thoroughly first-class family drug store is a great benefit to a community, and this establishment is first class in every respect; including magnitude, variety and quality of stock; perfection of equipment, and promptness and carefulness of service. The manager, Mr. E. S. Dodge, is a native of Raymond, N. H., is an experienced pharmacist, and gives personal attention to the filling of orders, and more especially to the compounding of prescriptions. Mr. Dodge was formerly a member of the Chelsea City Council, and is extremely well known in that municipality. The stock carried by the Broadway Drug Co. includes all the articles one expects to find in a first-class city pharmacy, and the Drugs and Chemicals are obtained from the most reliable sources and may be depended upon as regards purity and freshness. Prescriptions are compounded promptly and carefully, and at as low rates as are consistent with the use of the best materials the market affords. Among the remedies prepared at this pharmacy may be mentioned Sarsaparilla, Jamaica Ginger, Cough Drops, Worm Lozenges, and Liver Pills; and although no claim is made that any one of them is absolutely "infallible," the results attained by their use prove that in efficiency they will not suffer by comparison with any articles of a similar nature.

G. E. RICE & CO.,

DEALERS IN

Dry and Fancy Goods and Gentlemen's Furnishings,

Cox's Block, 82 Pleasant Street, Malden.

Some people assert that the day will come when all retail business will be done in "department stores,"—when if you want to buy anything, from a spool of thread to a pound of nails, or from a pillow to a pen, you will have to visit some vast building covering 2 or 3 acres, give your order, and wait for it to be filled. Perhaps this assertion may be correct, but we doubt it very much, for the most prominent feature of these department stores is the waiting for orders to be filled, and very few of us have time enough to spare to feel like devoting all the way from 5 to 15 minutes to making a purchase that we could make in an establishment that is not run on red-tape principles in a minute. Take, for instance, the store carried on by Messrs. G. E. Rice & Co., in Cox's Block, No. 82 Pleasant Street. The premises occupied comprise one floor measuring 75x22 feet and a basement measuring 40x22 feet, and the stock is by no means small or confined to one kind of goods, for it includes a very full assortment of Dry Goods, of Fancy Goods and of Gentlemen's Furnishings, but all the same the service is more prompt and efficient here than at a smaller store less carefully managed, and comparing it with the service rendered at a great "department store" is like comparing a deer with an elephant,—the latter is bigger but the former "gets there" first every time. This firm began operations in 1887, and their present large and select trade is the natural consequence of convincing the public that choice from the latest novelties, thoroughly reliable goods and prompt and courteous treatment are assured to those who do business here, while the prices quoted will not suffer by comparison with the lowest named elsewhere on goods of equal merit. Mr. Rice is a native of Brookfield, Vermont, gives close attention to the various details of the business, and spares no pains to thoroughly satisfy every customer.

H. D. BOWERS, Dealer in Groceries and Provisions. All Kinds of Fruits in their Seasons. Cash Market, 74 Eastern Avenue, near Ferry Street, Malden, Mass.—This well-known house is one of the most substantial and progressive in its line in town. It was founded in 1889 by its present proprietor and from the start was accorded so hearty a recognition that it immediately became a valuable addition to our mercantile system. This popular "Cash Market" is located at 74 Eastern Avenue, near Ferry Street, and is especially adapted to the purpose to which it is devoted. The goods dealt in comprise Choice and Staple Groceries, also a complete line of everything included in Provisions, as well as all kinds of Fruits in their seasons, the stock carried being full and complete, and of the best and most reliable quality. The business is retail in character, and although already extensive is rapidly increasing. Employment is given to two thoroughly capable assistants, and orders of any size are filled accurately, and at the lowest prices that the markets afford. Mr. H. D. Bowers is a native of Malden, and has resided there all his life. His establishment is widely and favorably known, fully equipped in every particular, and is managed with energy and ability, being a useful factor in the department of industry to which it is devoted.

L. N. PITCHER, Boarding, Sale and Livery Stable, 36 Cedar Street, Malden, Mass.—Such of our readers as have patronized livery stables to any great extent cannot have failed to notice the wide difference in the management of the various establishments of this kind, for some of them are run on principles the exact opposite of those employed in the carrying on of others, so that a stranger placing a first order at a stable of which he knows nothing cannot have the slightest idea as to how it will be received, or if he will be treated like a gentleman or not. There are risks in the stable business, of course, but the successful stable keeper is a keen judge of human nature, and can generally "size his man up" without putting the long string of questions to him, which some consider indispensable, and in any case he treats callers politely. One of the most prominent characteristics of the Boarding, Sale and Livery Stable carried on by Mr. L. N. Pitcher, is the courteous attention assured to every caller, and as the service afforded is exceptionally comprehensive and satisfactory in every department, and the charges are uniformly moderate, it is not surprising that this establishment should enjoy a very high degree of popularity. This enterprise was established in 1886 by the present proprietor. He is a native of New York State, but has been in business here for nearly nine years, and at the early part of the present year was appointed the Chief of Police for the City of Malden. The Livery business is still conducted under his general supervision, but under the immediate charge of his son, Mr. Allan S. Pitcher. The stable, which is located at No. 36 Cedar Street, measures 100x225 feet in dimensions, having room for a number of Horses and Carriages, making it one of the largest and best equipped Livery Stables to be found in this city. Mr. Pitcher employs eight reliable and competent assistants, and gives the business close personal supervision, so that orders are assured prompt and careful attention.

LUNCH ROOM, P. D. Barstow, Manager, No. 9 Salem St., Malden, Mass.—There is no surer way to gain the good-will of the average man, than by directing him to an establishment where he can get what is popularly known as "a square meal" at a moderate price, for if the service there afforded prove satisfactory to him, he will remember you gratefully every time he repeats his visit. Therefore, we feel that we are bound to make many friends among our readers by bringing to their attention the Restaurant and Lunch Room conducted by Mr. P. D. Barstow. He treats his patrons so liberally that we do not see how it would be possible for any reasonable man to find fault with the accommodations offered. The premises occupied and located at No. 9 Salem St. comprise one floor 40x20 feet in size, and having a seating capacity for twenty guests. Mr. Barstow, the proprietor, is a native of Brunswick, Me., and began operations here in 1890, and is now the manager of a first-class restaurant and lunch room. He feeds a great many people every day and feeds them well, too. The bill of fare is varied, the cooking good, and the service is prompt, polite and intelligent, while the prices are low enough to suit the most economical person. Two assistants are employed here.

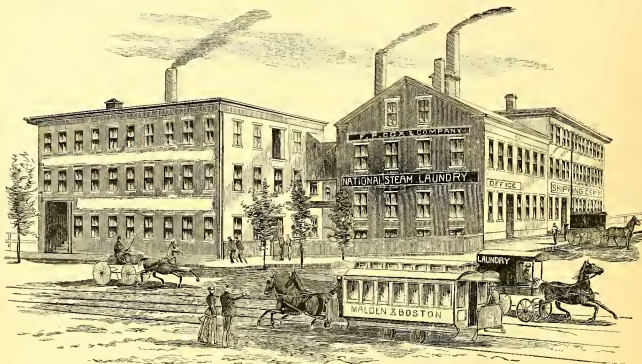
JASPER R. McDANIEL, Dealer in Groceries, Provisions, Coal, Grain and Hay, 136 Lebanon Street, Maplewood, Malden, Mass.—The ability to suit a business enterprise to the particular class of trade it is designed to reach, is an indispensable factor in the attainment of success. Mr. Jasper R. McDaniel has shown what can be done in this way in a remarkably short time, for he has only been established in his present business since 1888, though it has been carried on a great many years, having been founded by Mr. David Fleming, he being succeeded by the present proprietor, who is a native of Barrington, N. H. His methods are business-like and perfectly straightforward, his stock is the best that can be found in the market, and the prices will compare favorably with those of any dealer in this place or vicinity. The premises utilized and located at No. 136 Lebanon Street comprise one floor 60x20 feet and a cellar of the same size. A strictly retail trade is carried on. All the regular choice family Groceries and Provisions are dealt in besides Coal, Grain and Hay, etc. This house makes a specialty of keeping a line of fine grade Teas, Coffees and Spices, besides a variety of other articles too numerous to mention. Four competent and reliable assistants are employed and callers are always assured immediate and courteous attention, and find one of the best line of goods in town.



CORNER LEBANON AND SALEM STREETS, MAPLEWOOD.

L. W. ROCKWELL, JR., Pharmacist, 534 Salem St., Maplewood, Malden, Mass.—When purchasing goods of any kind it is, of course, well to use some discrimination in the placing of the order, but when buying drugs, either singly or in the form of a prescription, careful discrimination becomes an absolute duty, for it is of the first importance that the articles obtained shall be pure and reasonably fresh, and it is a notorious fact that by no means all the drugs in the market are of this character. Doubtless many of our readers (and certainly a large proportion of those residing in Maplewood and vicinity) have satisfactorily solved the problem of where to get dependable drugs at a fair price, by placing their orders with Mr. L. W. Rockwell, Jr., doing business at No. 534 Salem St., for not only is he prepared to furnish such commodities of standard quality at reasonable rates, but he shows great enterprise in acquainting the public with the fact, hence his facilities are as well known as they are extensive. Mr. Rockwell is a native of Malden, Mass., and has been identified with his present business here since 1887, having succeeded to the old enterprise founded in 1875 by Messrs. Leonard and Varina. The premises occupied comprise one floor, 30x20 feet in size, and contains a large and varied assortment of Drugs, Medicines and Chemicals, and such other articles as are usually found in a first-class pharmacy. The compounding of Prescriptions is given special attention, absolute accuracy being assured. The charges are moderate and every caller is given prompt attention.

E. T. RAWLEY, Carpenter and Builder, Also Real Estate and Insurance Agent, Residence, 104 Maplewood Street, Maplewood, Mass.—It is comparatively easy to decide in what city or town we prefer to reside, but when it comes to decide just where to invest our money the most profitably for a home, then we engage the service of one who has an extended knowledge and acquaintance, and experience in real estate interests, and if you wish to locate in Malden or vicinity you would do well to communicate with Mr. E. T. Rawley at Maplewood, Malden, for he has had forty years' experience as a builder, was for five years superintendent of public buildings and inspector of buildings for the City of Malden, and has a well earned reputation as a wise counselor in Building and Real Estate values, and now devotes himself to those interests and offers the most efficient, reliable, convenient and economical service. The Agency conducted by Mr. Rawley was founded some years ago, and has a record which amply justifies the unusual degree of confidence placed in it by those most familiar with the methods practiced. Mr. Rawley is a native of Maine and highly respected throughout Maplewood and vicinity. He is in a position to quote bottom prices and offers as easy terms as can be desired anywhere. If you want to buy a lot and build a house Mr. Rawley will save you money. Careful attention is given to the collection of rents, which are promptly remitted when received.



ESTABLISHED 1812.

Geo. B. Cox Last Co.,

MANUFACTURERS OF

Boot Trees and Lasts for Rubber Work of every Description.

FACTORY: MALDEN, MASS.

The Geo. P. Cox Last Company is an old concern with but a slight change in the firm's name at time of Mr. Cox's death in 1886. The industry it carries on is as remarkable for age as it is for magnitude and importance, it having been established away back in 1812,—a time when all work pertaining to Last making was done by hand, whereas now it calls for the use of wonderfully ingenious and accurate machinery. Operations were begun by Mr. Samuel Cox, and for some years Lasts for Leather Goods only were made by him, but finally the manufacture of Lasts for Rubber Goods were begun, and it is a significant fact that until comparatively late years, the plant utilized by the present company was the only one in the world devoted to the production of Wooden Lasts for Rubber Goods. About 1850 the firm of Samuel Cox & Sons succeeded Mr. Samuel Cox, and in 1859 Mr. George P. Cox assumed sole control, which he retained until his death, in 1886. Associated with him in the enterprise was his brother, Mr. David P. Cox, who had been connected with the undertaking from his fourteenth year, and had been the manager for thirty years at the time of his retirement, in 1890. And in this connection it is interesting to note that employees as well as proprietors have been identified with this representative industry for very long periods of time, for among those employed by the present company are men who have been connected with the business for ten, twenty, thirty, and even forty years. But don't make the mistake of assuming from this that the enterprise is conducted in an "old-fashioned" style and in accordance with superseded methods; on the contrary, it is "up to the times" in every respect, and some conception of the magnitude and excellence of the plant and the great demand for the product may be gained from the fact that the output is about 150,000 pairs of lasts per annum. The plant includes two steam engines; machinery of the most improved and efficient type for the manufacture of Boot Trees and Lasts for Rubber Work of every description; a factory building containing three floors measuring 35x75 feet; eight block houses for drying blocks for lasts, with a capacity for 1,000,000 blocks, which are kept on hand seasoning from two to three years, and also a drying room, equipped with seven heaters, where blocks are first kiln-dried before being stored away. It is hardly necessary to add that a company having such facilities as these, and showing so evident a determination to turn out goods that will prove durable and reliable, is prepared to fill orders in a manner that will suit the most exacting, and to execute even the very largest commissions at short notice.

Edwin S. Brown & Co.,

— DEALER IN —

WATCHES AND JEWELRY.

104 Pleasant Street, MALDEN.



There is no use in trying to disguise the obvious fact that not a few of the residents of Malden fail to appreciate and make use of the advantages offered by local dealers in goods that are easily portable, for in Malden, as in all the other Boston suburbs, there are many who visit the "Hub" when they wish to buy anything in the line of jewelry, watches, etc., not to mention many other articles; as, for instance, clothing, footwear, and other staple commodities. Of course, there are many Malden people who do their buying at home, otherwise the retail establishments of the city would be confined to markets, etc., but still it is worth while to call attention to the practice we have mentioned, for there is no doubt that it is carelessness alone that causes many to do their buying in Boston instead of in Malden. Take, for example, the establishment located at No. 104 Pleasant St., and carried on by Messrs. Edwin S. Brown & Co. This firm are Jewelers, dealers in Watches, Clocks, Solid Silver and Plated Ware, and the many ornaments, etc., coming under the head of Fancy Articles, a proportion of their stock in this department being made up of Foreign Novelties, obtained directly from the shippers, of which they make a specialty. The goods handled by Messrs. Edwin S. Brown & Co. represent the productions of the leading manufacturers; the Watches, Jewelry, etc., offered by this house are not only equal to, but in many cases are precisely the same (so far as quality, pattern and make are concerned) as those handled by the leading Boston houses, and the prices average lower, for the simple reason that the expense of carrying on business here is much less than in a great city like Boston. Then again, this firm cater to local trade, and hence depend upon regular far more than transient customers, and the advantages of dealing with a house that does business on that principle are certainly obvious to intelligent people. That many appreciate them is indicated by the magnitude of the business done, and it is certainly pleasant to note this proof that the many and pronounced advantages offered by this enterprising local concern are availed of by many, even if not by all who might profit by them. Particular attention is given to the Repairing of Watches and Jewelry; and the fact that Mr. Brown had twelve years' experience with the American Waltham Watch Company is of itself enough to show that the very finest watches which require cleaning or repairing or adjustment, may safely be entrusted to this firm. Moderate charges are made in this, as in the other departments of the business, and work can generally be done at very short notice.



W. P. SHELDON, Druggist, 370 Main Street, Malden, Mass. The accompanying cut represents the oldest Pharmacy in Malden by many years. It was established in 1848 by Wm. W. N. Cox, a native of the town who served with Orland Thompson, an old time druggist of Boston. The large antique show bottle in the window holding fifteen gallons is one of a pair selected by Mr. Thompson when his enterprising young clerk started for himself; the mate was broken a short time since, which is much to be regretted as there are none like it to be had now. A similar pair but much smaller is owned by an old firm in New York City.

The store has had but two proprietors, the present one taking possession in May, 1874, a few days after Mr. Cox died. Mr. Sheldon came from the well-known wholesale drug house of Weeks & Potter; so it has had the advantage of skillful management, and both proprietors being well versed in their profession by study and practice, have gained and held the confidence and esteem of the public, and the establishment has always been a successful and prosperous one. The picture is interesting to people outside the city as the birthplace and home of "Queen Sherbet," a patented soda water flavor but three years old, yet already known over half the country, with good prospects of soon being dispensed at every soda fountain in the land.

H. E. HILL & CO., GROCERIES — A N D — PROVISIONS,

Faulkner Square, Faulkner,
MALDEN, MASS.

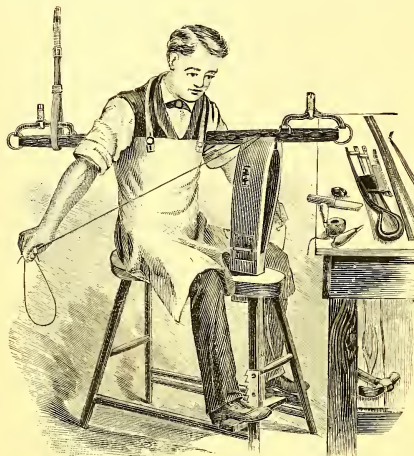
The population of Malden in general, and Faulkner in particular, is increasing so rapidly that the steady and pronounced increase in the business done by Messrs. H. E. Hill & Co. is not at all surprising, for this firm deal in goods that every family has to have, and their service is so satisfactory that they are cordially recommended to newcomers by the residents who have made trial of them. The store is very conveniently located at the corner of Faulkner St. and Faulkner Square, and contains a large, varied and very carefully selected stock of Staple and Fancy Groceries and Provisions. There is no need of going into detail about this stock, for every intelligent person knows what is included in the stock carried at a really first-class city grocery and provision store, and that is just the kind of an establishment that Messrs H. E. Hill & Co. carry on. The firm is composed of Mr. H. E. Hill and his son, H. E. Hill, Jr. They quote the lowest market rates on all the goods they handle, and they guarantee them to prove just as represented. Employment is given to four assistants and the service is very prompt and efficient, not only at the store but at the houses of customers, for three wagons are made use of and orders are called for and delivered free, no trouble being spared to accurately follow all special instructions concerning the kind of goods to be furnished, for this firm realize that satisfied customers mean large and growing business.

CENTRAL SQUARE
PHARMACY.

A. H. LADD & CO.

3 PLEASANT STREET. " " " MALDEN, MASS.

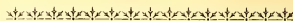
One of the most elegantly and attractively fitted up drug stores to be found in the suburbs of Boston is that known as the "Central Square Pharmacy" at No. 3 Pleasant Street, Malden, Mass., the proprietors of which are A. H. Ladd & Co. The store is finished in mahogany finely carved; each panel and each section of the heavily carved top of sides and end are different designs, as are also the inlaid bronze relief panels that are interspersed throughout the entire fixtures, while the arrangement of show-cases is such as to make a most pleasing and charming effect; a beautiful and costly tile fountain confronts you as you have fairly entered the store, while the hearty, cordial and gentlemanly greetings of the proprietor reveal to you at once the secret of his personal popularity in the community, gained in so brief a period, for Mr. Ladd began business here in 1892. He early laid the foundation for a successful business by becoming a thorough and expert pharmacist by close and thorough application to his profession, so that when he opened this elegant store for the patronage of the public it was only in keeping with the professional service he was prepared to render, hence it is not surprising that the store should prove a success from the start. It was provided with a full line of carefully selected Drugs, Chemicals and Medicines fresh and pure, while the full assortment of Druggists' Sundries, Toilet Articles, Confectionery of superior grade, good line of Perfumeries, Imported and Domestic Cigars in all the choice brands, while especial attention was made to excel in furnishing the coldest, and choicest flavored Soda to be found in the city; great pains are taken in the preparation of the various syrups that they may have the delicate and natural flavor of the fruit, so that the large trade enjoyed at the fountain proves that the public appreciates the best when thus provided. But the specialty of this store is its Prescription Department, for day or night prescriptions are carefully prepared and orders promptly filled, and at prices as low as are consistent with the use of the best ingredients the market affords. A full line of Humphrey's Remedies are carried in stock. Two clerks are employed, so that prompt and courteous service is always assured.



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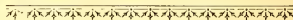
ORIN C. STEVENS,

MANUFACTURER AND DEALER IN



• FINE •

Buggy & Express Harness,



ALSO CONSTANTLY ON HAND

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF

Collars, Whips, Blankets, Robes, Curry Combs,

BRUSHES AND HORSE BOOTS.

198 Pleasant Street, MALDEN, MASS.

Repairing Neatly Done.

Among the various manufacturers of and dealers in harness, etc., to be found in Malden, no one occupies a higher position than Mr. Orin C. Stevens, doing business at No. 198 Pleasant St., for this establishment is second to none as regards the beauty, strength and durability of the work executed, and the prices quoted are as low as can be named on goods made from honest material, in a skillful and workmanlike manner. The establishment under question was started by the present proprietor here in 1887. He is a native of West Parsons, Me., and is rapidly and steadily increasing his business. The premises in use comprise one floor and basement, 50x20 feet in dimensions, and are well supplied with all necessary facilities for making and repairing Harness of all kinds. Three competent assistants are constantly employed, and a well-selected stock of Fine Buggy and Express Harness is always on hand to choose from, besides a large assortment of Collars, Whips, Robes, Blankets, Brushes, etc., and in fact Horse Goods in general, and everything usually to be found in a first-class establishment of this kind, and the goods are warranted to prove as represented in every respect.

HENRY E. JORDAN, Confectionery, Fruit, Plain, Fancy and School Stationery, Gents' Furnishings, Circulating Library, Toys, Perfumes, Brushes, Knives and Fancy Articles, Maplewood, Malden, Mass.—The establishment conducted by Mr. Henry E. Jordan at Maplewood, Malden, is a "variety store" in name and in fact, for in this sense it is not surpassed by any store in town. Here you will find Confectionery, Fruit and Soda Water, with the very choicest flavored syrups made by proprietor from choicest fruit flavors, and drawn from an elegant soda fountain made expressly for Mr. Jordan by J. W. Tafts, of Boston. A fine trade is enjoyed in this line, as superior drinks are always furnished. This variety store also includes Plain, Fancy and School Stationery, Toys, Perfumes, Brushes, Knives and Fancy Articles, Foreign and Domestic Cigars; also a desirable line of Gent's Furnishings is carried, while the laundry work furnished through his agency is always prompt, perfect and satisfactory. Mr. Jordan is also agent for G. Williams, wood and coal orders received are assured prompt delivery. The daily and weekly papers are sold here, as also periodicals, while a subscription department is conducted furnishing anything you wish in this line at publishers' rates. You can order any periodical in the world of Mr. Jordan at as low rates as can be obtained anywhere. The premises occupied are at No. 12 Lebanon Street, Maplewood, are 30x40 feet in size, and are a favorite resort with the public. A circulating library is here conducted, which is also a "drawing" feature. Mr. Jordan founded this enterprise in 1874, and to his skill, untiring industry and able management is due the progress and success attained during its career.

B. O. TILDEN, No. 1 Salem Street, Sanitary Plumbing, Special Agent for the Sanitas Plumbing Appliances, Malden, Mass.—In placing orders for plumbing it is well to bear several facts in mind; for instance, that no plumbing work can be too well or too carefully done; that no plumbing appliances can be too scientifically devised and too thoroughly constructed; and that really first-class plumbing work and plumbing appliances are the cheapest as well as the best, in the long run. If you reside in Malden and are guided by your appreciation of these facts you will very probably place your order with Mr. B. O. Tilden, at No. 1 Salem Street; at all events, you cannot possibly do better than to do so, for Mr. Tilden is not only a thoroughly skillful and reliable sanitary plumber, but he is special

agent for the famous "Sanitas" plumbing appliances,—appliances which embody the very latest improvements in sanitary science and which not only in healthfulness but in convenience, in beauty and in durability are conceded to be unsurpassed if not unequaled by any others in the market. There is no use in trying to describe these Sanitas Appliances; they differ so greatly from ordinary style plumbing goods that they must be seen to be appreciated and you have to try them in order to realize their great convenience, cleanliness and absolute safety. Mr. Tilden is prepared to furnish them at the lowest market rates, and to figure closely on plumbing contracts for new buildings or for the renovation of the plumbing system of old ones. He also does repairing in all its branches, and by the employment of competent assistants is enabled to fill orders very promptly as well as carefully, while his charges are uniformly moderate.



W. F. WELD, PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMIST,

Proprietor of Weld's Pharmacy,

CL. Manufacturer of Standard Preparations,

102 FERRY STREET, MALDEN, MASS.

A review of the representative establishments of Malden which failed to make prominent mention of "Weld's Pharmacy" would be regarded as sadly incomplete, for if there is a truly representative establishment in town it is surely the one to which we have reference. It represents the exercise of care, the skill, the absolute and perfect reliability, which are the main characteristics of the really first-class modern pharmacy; and it is an open secret that many make it an invariable rule to have all their prescriptions compounded here,—not because they have reason to fear to trust other pharmacies, but because they feel perfectly confident that every prescription entrusted to this establishment will be compounded from the best and purest material the market affords, with the nicest accuracy, at very short notice, and at uniformly reasonable rates. This confidence is the legitimate result of long-continued, faithful service, Mr. Weld having given twenty years' constant service in his profession. Mr. W. F. Weld is a pharmaceutical chemist, he being an extensive manufacturer of standard preparations; prominent among which are such popular specialties as Weld's Sure Cough Cure, Weld's Sure Pain Cure, Weld's Corn Cure, and Weld's Sarsaparilla Compound. This important department of the business is not allowed to interfere in the least with the duties incidental to the carrying on of the pharmacy, and sufficient competent assistance is employed to enable prompt service to be rendered at all times. The largest and most complete assortment of Homeopathic Remedies to be found in this city are carried in stock. This Drug Store is a beauty of itself, being finely finished in cherry, elegantly trimmed, while the beautiful and delicate wrought lattice work at rear of store, and forming the front of balcony, was imported from Japan.

ASHER F. BLACK, Dealer in Furniture and House Furnishing Goods, 23 Pleasant Street, Malden, Mass.—This house was established in 1886, and from its inception has enjoyed a steadily increasing trade. The premises occupied at 23 Pleasant Street cover about 5,000 square feet of floor space, and are well arranged for the conduct of the business. A large and well assorted stock of merchandise is always to be found here, these goods including first-class furniture, nicely finished, and upholstered in costly and medium-priced fabrics, comprising all the elements of attractive appearance, durability and usefulness. In addition to Furniture, Mr. Black makes a specialty of the celebrated Glenwood Range, having the agency of Malden and vicinity. Mr. Asher F. Black is a native of New Brunswick, and is very well known in business circles; he formerly conducted a store for fifteen years in Chelsea. He is a practical business man and is personally engaged with other interests, he being general manager of the U. S. Sewage, Filtering and Fertilizer Co. of Boston, who own the device invented and patented by Mr. Black, which is considered to be an important solution of the perplexing problem, "How shall we dispose of the sewage of our cities and towns, so to prevent the pollution of rivers and harbors?" It is not the object of this article to discuss this invention. Mr. Black's furniture business in Malden is conducted largely by Mr. J. W. Calder as manager, who has had extended experience and gives the business close personal attention, thus guaranteeing patrons most perfect satisfaction. The extensive business transacted at Malden requires the employment of three intelligent and reliable assistants, and this house occupies an important and well recognized position in the trade, and as such we recommend it to our readers.

A. W. ROGERS & CO., Dealer in Carpenters' and Builders' Hardware, Paints, Oils, Varnishes, Brushes, Cutlery, Etc., 105 Ferry St., near E. R. R. Depot, Malden, Mass.—The establishment conducted by Messrs. A. W. Rogers & Co. may, without exaggeration, be cited as an excellent example of what such a store should be, for it contains a carefully selected and varied and complete stock, and is made up of goods that can safely be guaranteed to prove as represented; the prices are really "as low as the lowest," quality considered, and orders are filled promptly and accurately. Mr. Rogers is a native of Ossipee, N. H., and has been identified with his present enterprise over a decade, he having begun operations in 1880. He is well known in business circles in general, and among the building trade in particular, as the house with which he is connected makes a leading specialty of Carpenters' and Builders' Hardware, and also of Paints, Oils, Varnishes and Brushes, and has repeatedly and conclusively proved its ability to furnish these goods in quantities to suit, at the lowest market rates. The stock also includes full lines of Cutlery, Tin and General Hardware, a specialty being made of Drain Pipes. The premises made use of are at No. 105 Ferry St., near the depot, and comprise two floors, each of which is 23x34 feet in dimensions. As the stock includes the productions of the most reputable manufacturers, as the prices are right, and as the service is prompt and intelligent, the popularity of this store is not at all difficult to account for, it being thoroughly well deserved.

FULTON CHRISTOPHER, Ladies' and Gents' Tailoring.

Dress Goods Sponged and Pressed. Velvets Steamed and Renewed.

Ladies' and Gents' Overgaiters Made to Match Suits.

Furs Repaired. Work All First-Class.

Florence Street, - - No. 8 Stanwood's Block,
MALDEN, MASS.

One of the progressive tailoring establishments and a new aspirant for public favor is that conducted by Mr. Fulton Christopher on Florence Street, at No. 8 Stanwood's Block. He is a practical Ladies' and Gentlemen's Tailor, being experienced in the details of his present business, and is admirably qualified to maintain the enviable reputation which has already become associated with his enterprise. He is prepared to undertake fine Tailoring in all its branches and to attain results which will prove altogether satisfactory to the most fastidious. In order to aid in the accomplishment of this purpose he makes it a rule to handle certain styles of fabric exclusively, and hence those who place orders for garments made from these goods may feel assured that their dress will be distinctive as well as correct, anything like "loud" dressing is of course to be sedulously avoided, but on the other hand, the maintenance of a judicious individuality is one of the unmistakable evidences of refined taste in dress. Ladies' outside garments are made to order. Also Furs of all kinds are repaired. Dress Goods sponged and pressed. Velvets steamed and renewed, and Ladies' and Gent's overgaiters made to match suits. A full line of samples of the very latest styles in Foreign and Domestic Woolens constantly on hand to select from. Cleaning Dyeing and Repairing are made a specialty. Mr. Christopher is a native of North Brookfield, Nova Scotia, and the store occupied measures 35x12 feet in size, and the work turned out is first class in every way.

✧ THE F. P. COX ✧ Carpet Cleaning Co., 259 MAIN STREET,

Cor. Eastern Avenue,

MALDEN, MASS.

Carpets cleaned by our process are uniformly beaten their entire length and breadth without the least injury, and all dust and moths thoroughly expelled from the compartment where the carpets are beaten by exhaust fans. By this process, carpets will wear one-third longer, as there is no beating or whipping by chains, ropes, sticks or straps. 3c per yd. for cleaning Woolen and Ingrains, 4c per yd. for cleaning Tapestry and Brussels, 5c per yd. for cleaning Wiltons, Velvets, Moquettes, 10c per yd. for Naptha Cleansing or Scouring. Carpets laid, fitted and sewed by competent help. All grades of Carpet Lining and Stair Pads at lowest prices. Mattress and Feather Bed Renovating. Storage for Carpets and Furniture. Carpets in our possession are covered by insurance against fire, a fact worthy of consideration.

C. D. SHILOH, Architect, Rear of No. 88 Pleasant Street, Malden, Mass.—In the growth and development of building interests everywhere, the service of a good devising and supervising architect has long since become of first importance to all parties in interest, especially to those contemplating the erection of any kind of structure, whether it be flats, stores, office-buildings, private residences, churches, schools, or public institutions, the skill of the architect is indispensable to economically devise the plans and embody in them the wishes and suggestions of his clients, making his estimates of cost accurate, and specifications clear and precise and thoroughly adapted to the sure performance of the work of the building contractors, and also during the process of building to carefully supervise and scrutinize each stage of the work that no improper material is allowed to enter the structure, or that the minutest details of the specifications are not fully and honestly carried out in a durable manner as provided in the contract. Such is the service rendered by Mr. C. D. Shiloh, whose address is rear of 88 Pleasant Street, Malden. He has for some years been engaged in this line of business, and is prepared to render faithful and honest service at moderate prices, in all branches of his profession, and is well qualified to bring to a successful issue all that he undertakes to perform.

JAMES BLAKE, Carriage Smith, Union Street cor. Holden, Malden, Mass. Repairing in all its Branches Promptly Attended to.—People have so often been told that a thoroughly built vehicle was the cheapest as well as the best, and that it is always advisable to place orders for anything of this kind with a thoroughly reliable concern, that it would seem entirely uncalled for to repeat such advice were it not for the fact that the sale of cheap and worthless wagons and carriages is steadily increasing. If these vehicles gave satisfaction, or anything approaching satisfaction, we would have nothing to say against them, but the fact is they are made merely to sell, and are not only the most expensive but also the most dangerous to use in the long run. Compare them with the wagons that are made by Mr. James Blake and the difference is plain, even to one who has not had much experience in the selection of such articles, and the longer the vehicles are put to practical use the greater will be the difference in their appearance. Mr. Blake is a native of Prince Edward Island, and has carried on his present business here since 1890. The premises occupied are located on Union, corner of Holden Streets, and comprise one building 40x25 feet, and one floor 15x15 feet in dimensions, while all facilities are at hand to enable first-class work to be done at short notice as well as at moderate rates. Wheelwrighting, Carriage Making and repairing of all kinds are carried on and the work done in a durable manner at very reasonable prices. Three competent assistants are employed and all work promptly attended to.

DESCRIPTIVE SKETCH OF WAKEFIELD.



UST a quarter of a century has elapsed since the town of Wakefield was given its present name, and it is so thoroughly modern a town, contains such beautiful buildings, such extensive and efficient institutions, possesses such exceptional facilities for transportation, and contains so large a proportion of beautiful residences embodying the latest developments of modern architecture, that it is difficult to realize that this is one of the oldest towns in New England, and that the first settlement in it was made some two hundred and fifty-four years ago.

Yet such is the fact, and a still more surprising fact to those who are familiar only with the Wakefield of to-day is that this town was originally practically a part of Lynn, and was given the name of Lynn Village. The settlement of the township of Lynn was begun in 1629, and ten years later some of the inhabitants petitioned the General Court for a place for an inland plantation at the head of their bounds, which at that time included the territory now occupied by Saugus and Lynnfield, although no settlement had been made therein. The petition was granted, and in 1639 the General Court gave to the town of Lynn a tract of land estimated to be four miles square, and including substantially the territory now occupied by Wakefield and Reading.

In 1640 the Court ordered that Lynn Village should be exempt from taxation as soon as seven houses should be built, and seven families settled; and in 1644 it was ordered that Lynn Village should take the name of "Redding,"—this order being the act of incorporation of the original town of Reading. During the first period in the town's history its name was spelled "Redding," but it was derived from Reading, England, whence some of the first settlers of Lynn Village emigrated. All the early settlements in the town of Reading were made in Wakefield,

and on or near the banks of Lake Qnanapowitt, or the "Great Pond," as they called it in those unpoetical days, this part of the town being given the preference as it was comparatively easy to cultivate, the east and south shores of the lake not being heavily wooded and having been utilized by the red men for the growing of Indian corn. Although this region was a favorite with the Indians by reason of its advantages for hunting and fishing, and its great natural beauty, the coming of the white men was not followed by war, for the land was bought from the original proprietors; and in this connection it is worthy of note that the only one of the five Indians who



LAKE QUANAPOWITT FROM CHURCH TOWER.

signed the deed transferring this territory to the whites who could write his name, was James Qnanapohit or "Qnanapowitt," to use our latter-day spelling, as the other four all "made their marks." In 1651 the area of the town was increased by a grant of land two miles square, constituting practically what is now the town of North Reading, and in 1713 that was incorporated as a distinct parish and was given the name of the North Precinct of Reading; the remainder of the town being known as the First Parish. The next change was made in 1769, when the north-westerly part of the First Parish (known as "Woodend," on account of its being the most heavily wooded part of the town) was incorporated as a separate parish under the name of the West Parish of Reading, this being the first step towards the building up of the present town of Reading. But all these incorporations were simply parochial, and the territory now covered by Wakefield, Reading and North Reading was all within the old town of Reading until 1812, when the First, or South Parish, was incorporated as a new town and given the name of South Reading. This division was brought about by local differences of opinion on a national subject, for the residents of the First Parish were heartily in favor of the War of 1812, and the majority of

those residing in other parts of the town were as heartily opposed to it. Old Reading made a most favorable record during the Revolution, and the patriotic spirit that animated the townspeople during the "times that tried men's souls" had by no means been lessened since the country gained the independence they fought so hard for, but while all the townsmen resented the insults that England had offered to the new republic, some of them thought that it was inadvisable to go to war in order to secure a cessation of and an atonement for them, while the rest warmly advocated armed resistance and sought and obtained the separation of their part of the town from the parts occupied by those who opposed them so strongly on the question of how best to maintain the independence and dignity of the nation.

The new town of South Reading had a population of about 800, a valuation of \$100,000, and contained 125 dwellings. It was prosperous from the beginning, and during the 30 years following its incorporation the population and valuation were nearly doubled. But the progress made during the next decade was destined to be far greater than that made during any preceding period in the town's history, and it was brought about almost entirely by the advantages arising from great improvement in transportation facilities; the Boston and Maine R. R. being extended through South Reading in 1844, and being opened for business between Boston and Wilmington in 1845. The year 1844 is also notable on account of a reunion held by the residents of all the Readings to celebrate the two-hundredth anniversary of the incorporation of the old town. Some idea of the rapidity of South Reading's growth immediately after the opening of the railroad may be obtained from the fact that the increase in population from the year 1840 to 1850 was 900, as compared with an increase of 206 from 1830 to 1840. It was estimated that this town would furnish about 30 passengers a day, but that estimate was, to say the least, somewhat conservative, for in 1848 there was an average of 146 daily passengers to all points. At present there are not less than 1,500 passengers to and from Boston alone; not to mention the many who travel to other points.

In 1840 the population was 1,517; in 1860 it was 3,207, and in 1865 it was 3,244,—the lack of increase during the latter period being of course due to the rebellion. The present population is about 7,500, and it is steadily and rapidly increasing, as Wakefield offers so many advantages as a place of residence that it now holds a leading position among that class of suburban towns that are popular among those who exercise the most discretion in the choice of a home.

The opening of the Boston and Maine R. R. greatly stimulated the industries and trade of the town, and it soon became an important manufacturing centre. The rattan works were established in 1856, and this is indeed a most important event in the history of the town as it was the inauguration not only of what was destined to become an enormous industry, but of the successful business career of the late Cyrus Wakefield, who greatly promoted not only the material prosperity but the best interests of the town, directly and indirectly.

The record of South Reading during the rebellion was worthy of a town that owed its birth to the determination of its people to fight for the support of the government. More than 500 men served in the army and navy, and more than 60 of them gave up their lives for their country. All the calls of the nation were exceeded, and so active a part did the men from this town take in the fierce and prolonged struggle for the preservation of the Union that the pages of history bear their names as those of men "who helped open the Mississippi, who were present at Vicksburg, Port Hudson, New Orleans and Mobile, who saw the starry flag as it ascended Missionary Ridge, and witnessed the flight of Bragg and his host; who marched from Atlanta to the sea, and who were among those who so long struggled between Washington and Richmond, and who at last saw the rebel flag go down upon the Appomattox."

After the war there came a period of extraordinary activity, and the population and wealth of the town increased with phenomenal rapidity. The population in 1865 was 3,244; in 1875 it

was 5,349. During the same decade the valuation increased from \$1,778,786 to \$4,706,056. This great growth rendered increased accommodations necessary, and the erection of a new town hall was proposed, but before any definite action was taken in the matter, Cyrus Wakefield, the founder and proprietor of the rattan works, came forward and offered to build a costly structure at his own expense, and present it to the town.

The townspeople voted to accept the offer, and so highly did they appreciate Mr. Wakefield's generosity and public spirit that at the same meeting they voted to ask the General Court



TOWN HALL AND ADJOINING BUILDINGS.

for authority to change the name of the town to Wakefield. The necessary legal action was taken, the name was changed July 1st, 1868, and a grand celebration occurred July 4th, which was doubly an "Independence Day" celebration, for it commemorated not only the independence of the nation, but also the independence of the town. The old name South Reading was highly honored by the townspeople, but it was not considered entirely appropriate, as it indicated a subsidiary position, which was far from being the true condition of a self-reliant, wealthy and rapidly growing community. At this time, and for a decade and more afterwards, Wakefield was essentially a manufacturing centre, and to-day it contains some vast establishments which hold a leading position among the industries of this country on account of the quality and quantity of their products, but of late years the main development of this beautiful town has been brought about by its great advantages as a place of residence, and the prospects of Wakefield were never brighter than they now are.

WAKEFIELD TO-DAY.

Just ten miles north from the business centre of the city of Boston is the business centre of as beautiful, healthy and prosperous a town as can be found in all New England—the town of Wakefield. The history of the origin and development of this town may be roughly divided into three periods; the first being the period of development on account of the advantages offered as a farming region; the second, the period of advancement by reason of the advantages offered as a manufacturing centre, and the third, the period of growth as a residential town. Wakefield has but entered upon the third and last period of her development, and yet has already made



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such progress that there is no room for doubt that the results attained during this stage of her growth will as far surpass those attained during the manufacturing period as did her growth at that time exceed her growth as an agricultural community.

And certainly there is no reason why Wakefield should not long continue to rapidly increase in population, even assuming that her growth as an industrial centre has reached its limit, and that about all the additions made to local industrial plants in the future will be for the purpose of supplying additional local needs. The town is singularly favored as regards its possession of natural and artificial advantages, and indeed it offers so many advantages as a place of residence that merely a list of them, read by persons unacquainted with the town, would lead them to believe that the compiler of that list had a much stronger imagination than he had love of truth. Examine, for instance, the following list of only the most prominent characteristics of Wakefield :

Healthful and beautiful location. Exceptionally satisfactory railway facilities. Good and rapidly improving street car service. An ample supply of exceptionally pure water. Complete system of fire protection. Excellent schools and an admirable public library, comprehensive system of gas and electric lighting. A beautiful and spacious Central Park. Many stores and moderate prices. Low-priced land and reasonable rents.

Now, that is but an incomplete list of the attractions of this town, and yet it is safe to assert that very few towns in the State can honestly present a similar list, for in the great majority of cases some serious defects in accommodations materially weaken the inducements offered.



WAKEFIELD COMMON, LOOKING SOUTH FROM PEARL STREET.

The township of Wakefield is very irregular in shape and is bounded on the north by Reading and Lynnfield, on the east by Lynnfield and Saugus, on the south by Melrose, and on the west by Stoneham and Reading. It has quite a large area, but the business portion of the town is compact, and yet there is no approach to that close and crowded appearance that so seriously mars the effect of many business sections. Indeed, the view from the upper end of Wakefield business centre is one of the most beautiful in the town, for the scene, as you stand in Central Park and look northward over the broad expanse of Lake Quannapowitt, is far too attractive to be easily forgotten, and when you look to the left and note the striking effect of the magnificent church building with the beauties of its harmonious proportions emphasized by the exceptional advantages of location, you cannot fail to agree with that pastor of by-gone days who said, "This is, indeed, a most fair town to live in."

Between Lake Quannapowitt on the north and Crystal Lake on the south is the "business" Wakefield, these lakes being about three-quarters of a mile apart and being separated by a stretch of level land, while on both sides of each are gently rising hills, some surmounted by beautiful residences and all commanding lovely views and offering many and important attrac-

tions to those seeking building sites that ensure him who utilizes them pure air, beautiful scenery and a thoroughly healthful location, and yet are so situated as to render it easy to secure all the modern conveniences.

RAILROAD FACILITIES.

Of course the first thing to be considered in the choice of a suburban town as a place of residence is the railroad service, for "time is money," and comparatively few can afford to spend a great deal of time in going to and from their places of business, or in "waiting for trains," even if they are partially repaid by having a home in a healthful and beautiful place, where the cost of living is comparatively low, and metropolitan dirt and turmoil are unknown. Well, the railroad service of Wakefield is so far superior to that of the average suburban town that comparisons are odious, and we will simply say that Wakefield holds the leading position in this important respect. The Boston and Maine Railroad (Western Division) has six stations in the town, and runs forty Boston trains each way daily; the first train leaving Wakefield at 4:35 A. M. and the last train leaving Boston at 11:25 P. M., while the trains between these extreme points are so arranged as to excellently accommodate the many and varied needs of the traveling public. And they are liberally patronized too, for there are more than 1,500 passengers daily to and from the Hub, and there is a marked increase in the passenger traffic every year. The average running time of Boston trains is half an hour, and the fastest trains cover the distance in just twenty minutes. All the regular patrons of the road take advantage, of course, of the hundred-ride ticket rates, the fare being but eleven-and-a-half cents. But the Boston service—excellent as it is—is but one department of the comprehensive railway service here offered. The Salem Branch and the Danvers and Newburyport Railroad join the main line at Wakefield, and direct communication is given with Salem, Newburyport, Haverhill, Lawrence, Lowell, and Manchester, New Hampshire.

The central location of Wakefield should not be overlooked in summing up the advantages of the town, it being ten miles from Boston, eight miles from Lynn, nine miles from Salem, fifteen miles from Lowell, fifteen miles from Lawrence, and twenty-three miles from Haverhill. The most important of the six stations within the limits of the town is a new, handsome and commodious brick structure, located in the midst of the business centre, and accessible by electric cars from almost all parts of Wakefield.

At the present writing the electric street railway system comprises a line connecting at Stoneham with the Woburn and Medford systems, and a line to Melrose connecting with the Malden, Everett and Boston service; but progress in electric railway service is now so rapid that probably before a year has elapsed the system will include lines to Lynnfield and Reading, and also to Saugus, Lynn and the beaches.

CENTRAL PARK.

The Central Park is most appropriately named, for it begins in the very heart of the town and extends along the eastern shore of Lake Quannapowitt for almost a mile. Of this beautiful sheet of water Mr. Sylvester Baxter has written: "Wakefield's lake, cherished and beautiful, plays an unusually important part in the life of the place. There is bathing in its waters, boating, canoeing and sailing on its surface in the summer; skating and ice-boating in the winter, besides band concerts, promenading and driving on its shores.

"The view up the lake deserves to rank among the notable park scenes in the country. There is a vista of something over a mile of sparkling blue water to the northward, where white-sailed yachts skim like swallows over the surface, and row-boats and canoes glide gracefully about.

"Beyond the end of the lake cluster the roofs and spires of Reading, and, seemingly from the midst of the place, rises a great water tower. In the distance, from across the water, its high and massive shaft tapering like that of a mediæval turret, say at Nuremberg, is most impressive, and dominates the surrounding edifices of the town with something of the grace and majesty of a great cathedral tower in an old-world city."

Close by the southern end of Lake Quanapowitt is the Congregational Church, a great stone building which is equaled in beauty and impressiveness by but very few church edifices in



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, WAKEFIELD.

the State. It bears a tablet on which is inscribed "1644-1890," those being the dates of the erection of the first church building in the town and of the present magnificent structure. The other churches in the centre of the town are utilized by the Baptist, Methodist, Universalist, Episcopal and Roman Catholic denominations; and at Greenwood and Montrose—which are suburbs of Wakefield—are several more churches.

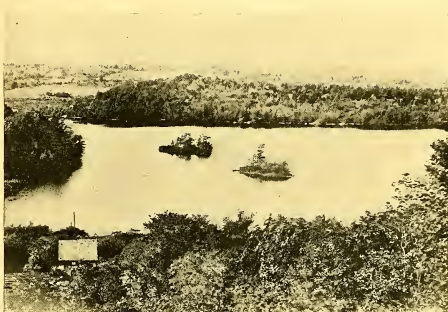
The most famous public building is the spacious and elegant Town Hall, which was presented to the town by the late Cyrus Wakefield, and is a far more substantial and completely equipped structure than many a city has for municipal use.

Some of the business blocks will also compare favorably with modern city edifices, and the High School building, Hamilton School building and the Wakefield passenger station are all structures that do credit to the beautiful town they are in.

EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES.

The same may be said of the Wakefield educational facilities, as the schools are carefully graded and are in charge of thoroughly competent and progressive teachers, who are not only faithful in the performance of their responsible duties, but are unhampered by enforced adherence to the by-gone methods which are still insisted upon by those controlling the educational system of some towns.

The school buildings are spacious and substantial, and are rendered healthful and secure by the use of the most improved means of heating, ventilating and lighting, and of protection against fire, and of facilities for escape. A well-managed Public Library of more than 11,000 volumes, and a Public Reading Room supplied with the best current literature, practically as well as theoretically open to all, are by no means unimportant features of Wakefield's educational facilities, and mention should also be made of the Sweetser Lecture Fund, held by the town, for that is so utilized as to provide for instructive and entertaining lectures every year at prices of admission so low as to be within the means of all. Nor should the local press be forgotten in this connection, for although Wakefield, like all live towns, depends upon the metropolitan press for news from all over the world, it makes liberal use of the excellent service rendered by the two able weekly newspapers—*The Wakefield Citizen and Banner* and *The Wakefield Record*.



CRYSTAL LAKE, WAKEFIELD.

News and postal accommodations are intimately related, and it is gratifying to be able to say that the postal service of Wakefield is comprehensive and efficient. There are three post offices in town, and from the central office there is a free delivery system, seven mails being sent out each day. It is hardly necessary to add that the telegraph and telephone services are also fully up to the times.

An electric fire-alarm system extends throughout the town, and there seems to be very little chance of the occurrence of an extensive conflagration, for the water service is excellent, the fire department is well equipped and efficiently managed, and the large manufacturing establishments are supplied with extensive facilities for fire fighting. There are about one hundred hydrants and several hose companies; also a hook and ladder company, a powerful steam fire engine, a chemical engine, a volunteer company and engine, the celebrated old "Yale" hand engine, and seventy Johnson pumps distributed about the town and all ready for business at once.

The water is taken from Crystal Lake and is superior, both as regards purity and flavor, to two-thirds of the numerous spring waters with which the market is now filled on account of the popular distrust of the average town or city water supply. This lake is so situated as to be

absolutely free from contamination and is capable of furnishing 5,000,000 gallons of pure water a day. Should this not be enough to supply the rapidly growing town, connection can easily be made with a larger lake, so there is no fear of Wakefield people being troubled by one of those "water famines" which of late years have become so prevalent in Boston's suburbs.

The streets of Wakefield are kept in excellent condition and the sidewalks of the town are also decidedly superior to the average; concrete being very largely used, and the concrete walks being by no means confined to the business centre. The streets are well lighted, and Wakefield will soon be a better illuminated town than ever, for the town has voted to purchase the plant of the company which has thus far furnished gas and electricity; and not only the streets and public buildings, but the stores and residences will be lighted by the town; and the experience of other communities justifies the prediction that the service will be more satisfactory and the expense less than ever before.

The brilliant appearance of the business section during the evening is of itself enough to indicate that there is a goodly number of stores in town and that they are carried on by wide-awake business men who cater to home trade, and hence have every reason to render steadily reliable service. They recognize the fact that they must compete with Boston houses who are aided by the fondness which some persons have for doing their buying in a great city, and consequently at the representative Wakefield stores are goods shown and prices quoted that afford convincing evidence that nothing is gained and time is lost by patronizing Boston houses instead of making use of the excellent service here offered. A national bank, a savings bank, and a co-operative bank afford first-class financial accommodations.

There is a large amount of very desirable building land in nearly all parts of the town, and it would be absurd to intimate that those who do not secure sites at once will have difficulty in securing any at all in a few years; but it would be equally absurd to deny that the price of land in this rapidly growing town will never be lower than it is now, and the prospects are that money expended in the purchase of Wakefield real estate will be not only safely but profitably invested.

As regards the advantages offered by Wakefield as a "home town" it may be truthfully said that this community will make a most favorable showing as a result of the most thorough investigation that could possibly be made. Of Wakefield it has been said: "She stands ready every day in the year to extend a cordial welcome and invitation to good men and women, of every name and race, to cast their lot within her borders, and help make her more and more a centre of intelligence, virtue and enterprise, a place of beauty, a city of homes."

And that is just what the Wakefield of the future will be,—a city of homes. Every year it is becoming more generally appreciated that a great mercantile and manufacturing city is not a fit place for a real home, and that the advantages of a town like Wakefield as a place of residence are so many and important that no family that is in a position to utilize them can afford to neglect to do so. So the future Wakefield will be a veritable city of homes, and by both the number and the character of her population will be entitled to a leading position among the prosperous and influential communities of the old Bay State.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS MEN OF WAKEFIELD.

WAKEFIELD REED CHAIR CO., MANUFACTURERS OF
Reed Furniture, Stands, Baskets, Etc.
Wakefield, Mass.



About six years have elapsed since the founding of the business carried on by the Wakefield Reed Chair Company, and the great and steadily increasing demand for their productions affords the best possible evidence that they suit the public, and that the more generally they are introduced the more fully they are appreciated. And it is not at all difficult to account for their popularity, as the goods made by this Company are conceded to be unsurpassed in tastefulness of design, in excellence of material, and in thoroughness of workmanship; and they are remarkable for their combination of beauty, strength, lightness and durability.

The name of the Company is rather apt to give an erroneous idea of the comprehensiveness of their business, for chair making is but one of many important departments of it, and although a great variety of styles of chairs is made, an even greater variety of reed furniture in general is produced, it including very complete lines of stands, baskets, baby carriages, and other articles. New styles are constantly being added, and the output is so comprehensive that among the regular customers of this Company are large houses that cater to all classes of trade—houses that cater to fastidious trade only, and houses that cater to the great middle class, who fully appreciate style and beauty, but are guided by economy as well as by good taste in their selection of goods.

The premises utilized by the Company comprise four floors, of the dimensions of 160x50 feet, which are equipped with a most elaborate plant of machinery; they also have ample store room in addition.

Employment is given to seventy-five to ninety assistants. The capacity of the factory is so great that orders can generally be filled at short notice, despite the magnitude of the business, while the prices quoted are remarkably low considering the uniform excellence of the goods.

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THOMAS EMERSON'S SONS, Manufacturers of Gentlemen's Dress Shoes, Boston Office, 105 Summer Street, Factory at Wakefield, Mass.—The business carried on by Messrs. Thomas Emerson's Sons was founded nearly ninety years ago, and is the oldest Shoe Manufacturing Establishment in the United States. Operations were begun in 1805 by Mr. Thomas Emerson, and in 1837, Mr. Thomas Emerson second was admitted to partnership. In 1851 Mr. James F. Emerson became a partner and the firm-name was then changed to Thomas Emerson & Sons, the existing style (Thomas Emerson's Sons) being adopted in 1854, when the founder of the business retired. The last addition to the firm was made in 1866, when Mr. Edwin Eugene Emerson entered. Of course there have been many and radical changes in shoe manufacturing since this enterprise was inaugurated, but there has been practically no change in the essentials to secure success, for now as ever the key to success in this rapidly progressive branch of industry is good management, and the management of this representative undertaking has been such as to enable it to maintain a leading position in its special line. The first marked effect of the introduction of labor-saving machinery was the extension of the firm's plant in 1863 by the purchasing of the present site and the enlargement of the factory, and it is a significant fact that although shoe machinery has been several times "revolutionized" during the years succeeding that date, the Emerson Factory is fully "up to the times" as regards efficiency of mechanical equipment, and is run to its fullest capacity throughout the year with very short vacation and repair cessations. The output is large in amount and so satisfactory in quality that footwear made by Thomas Emerson's Sons in great variety is readily disposed of and needs no praise from any quarter, for it is universally known among the trade and its merits are freely conceded. The firm have a Boston office at No. 105 Summer Street, and their goods are shipped to many distant points.

C. H. SPENCER, Lumber Dealer, Office and Yard, Near Upper Depot, Wakefield, Mass.—Mr. C. H. Spencer has built up a large business since he began operations here in Wakefield, in 1890, and as his success is due to good management, first-class facilities, and the ability to furnish satisfactory material at the lowest market rates, it is certainly well deserved and may confidently be expected to continue. He is a wholesale and retail dealer in Lumber and Builders' Finish, the premises utilized by him being located near the Upper Depot, and being very spacious and well equipped. They include a Lumber Yard having an area of 60,000 square feet, and five buildings having storage capacity for 800,000 square feet of lumber. A very large and varied stock is constantly carried; including rough, finished and dimension lumber; full lines of white wood and pine finish; shingle, clapboards, laths and mouldings. Mr. Spencer makes a specialty of mouldings, and is prepared to furnish them in even the largest quantities at very short notice and at the lowest market rates. Orders for sawing, planing and jig sawing are promptly and accurately filled; and it is worthy of note that no trouble is spared to deliver goods promptly at the time promised. Employment is given to an adequate force of competent assistants, and Mr. Spencer carefully supervises the various departments of the business and maintains the service at a high standard of efficiency.

C. O. ANDERSON, Dealer in Dry and Fancy Goods, Oil Cloths, Straw Mattings, Paper Hangings, and Gents' Furnishing Goods. Agent for Malden Dye House and National Laundry. No. 439 Main Street, Wakefield, Mass.—There is an immense variety of articles now included under the head of dry and fancy goods, and the number of such is constantly increasing as the popular demand for novelties calls forth fresh fabrics and original "notions." It naturally follows that the only way to offer anywhere near a complete assortment is to carry a very heavy as well as varied stock, and that is to be found at the establishment conducted by Mr. C. O. Anderson, at No. 439 Main Street, Wakefield, and about as perfect an illustration of what we mean by a complete assortment as can be pointed out in the entire town, for it comprises Dry and Fancy Goods, Oil Cloths, Mattings, Paper Hangings and Gents' Furnishing Goods, etc., and Notions in endless variety, and at the same time is composed of fresh, seasonable and reliable articles, the proprietor considering his store space too valuable to be occupied by "back number" goods. This enterprise was founded by Mr. Wm. Martin in 1872, he being succeeded by the present proprietor, and a very extensive trade has been built up, the residents of this town being not at all slow to recognize the advantages held out at this popular store. The premises comprise one floor 60x21 feet in dimensions, all necessary facilities being at hand to display the stock to excellent advantage. Two competent and reliable assistants are employed and prompt and courteous attention is assured to every caller, while the prices quoted will bear the severest scrutiny and comparison.

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People are taking more care of their health now-a-days than was the case some years ago, and the public in general are beginning to realize that the "ills that flesh is heir to" are much less numerous than might be supposed, the truth being that over half of the physical ills which oppress mankind are the consequence of improper foods or improper habits of eating. The care shown in the selection of food is well repaid in the long run, and so thoroughly convinced are discriminating buyers of this fact that they are prompt to show their appreciation of a dealer who makes it a point to handle no goods that cannot be warranted in every respect. Such is the policy pursued by Mr. Chas. B. Nickerson and therefore it follows that this store is very popular in this vicinity. This gentleman is a native of this town, and succeeded to the business established by A. A. Bush. The premises utilized are located at No. 374 Main Street, comprise one floor 35x22 feet in dimensions, and the stock carried comprises Pork and Beef, Mutton, Veal and Lamb, etc., Poultry, Fruits and Vegetables. Four competent assistants are employed and large and small orders are assured equal consideration, as are also all callers.

EVERETT W. EATON, Dealer in Choice Family Groceries, Corner Railroad and Albion Streets, Wakefield, Mass.—It is perfectly safe to assume that practically all of our readers will be interested in the establishment of which Mr. Everett W. Eaton is proprietor for nearly everybody is fond of choice eating and is desirous of finding a place where a large assortment of such is kept, and where the lowest market rates are quoted. This business was founded in 1864, by the present proprietor, who is a native of this town and one of the best known. He is a director in the Co-operative Bank and a justice of the peace, and was four years town auditor. The premises occupied are located on Albion corner of Railroad Streets, and comprise one floor 45x20 feet, and a storage room 24x24 feet in size, and both a large wholesale and retail trade is done in choice family Groceries, and all that can come under this head will be found of a superior quality and in an inviting condition, and it is worth one's while to call and examine this carefully selected stock of goods, even if you are not intending to purchase at the time, for when you do wish for them you will not forget where you saw such a variety of choice eatables. Employment is given to four efficient assistants, who are kept constantly busy in attending to the various orders. Mr. Eaton insists upon equally prompt and polite attention being given every customer, large or small. His prices are as low as the lowest, quality considered, and the goods may be depended upon to prove as represented. This gentleman's father was one of the first settlers in early times in Wakefield, and this the oldest store.

CLOTHEY'S DRUG STORE, W. H. Brooks, Manager, Registered Pharmacist, 380 Main Street, Wakefield, Mass.—The business carried on at that well-known and very popular establishment, known as "Clothey's Drug Store," was founded away back in war time, and some idea of the magnitude of the business that has been done here may be gained from the fact that there are more than 20,000 prescriptions recorded on the books, not to mention the hundreds that have been repeated. The present proprietor assumed control in 1892, and it is safe to say that the establishment was never more popular and never more thoroughly deserved popularity than at the present time. The manager, Mr. W. H. Brooks, was formerly with Dr. Arthur Hudson, at Newton, Mass., and the thousands who know Dr. Hudson, by reputation at least, as the leading dispensing chemist and druggist in the Newtons, will need no more positive assurance that Mr. Brooks is not only thoroughly competent, but is also very careful and accurate. A specialty is made of the compounding of prescriptions, day and night; and the stock of Drugs, Medicines and Chemicals, the facilities and the methods are such as to assure the best possible results; which fact, taken in connection with the uniformly moderate charges made, amply explains why many make it a rule to have all their prescriptions compounded here. A full line of Homeopathic Remedies is carried in stock, as well as a large assortment of Patent Medicines; together with an extensive and carefully chosen stock of Druggists' Sundries, Toilet Articles, Confectionery, Cigars and Tobacco. The exclusive specialty of this establishment is a patent cream for use in the preparation of the "Paris Soda," for which this house holds the exclusive right, and which is the most delicious beverage to be found anywhere. That seems extravagant praise, but "experience teaches," and after one has tried "Paris Soda" he will heartily endorse that statement.

FRANK E. COX, Clothier, Furnisher and Hatter, People's Clothing Store, No. 456 Main Street, Wakefield, Mass. C. R. Davis, Manager. Agent for Wakefield Steam Laundry.—One thing that never fails to excite the astonishment and admiration of visitors to this country is the generally well dressed appearance of our people. We hear a great deal about the superiority of English, French and German suitings, and wonderful stories are told about Scotch garments made of such durable material that one of them will serve several generations, but in spite of these things and of what some of our patriotic (?) fellow-countrymen are pleased to call the "worthlessness" of American fabrics, it still remains a fact that the inhabitants of the United States are the best dressed people in the world. The manufacture of ready-made clothing has here been brought to a very high stage of perfection, and it cannot be truthfully denied that the finer grades of such garments will bear comparison with the best custom work, while of course their cost is much less. Probably as carefully chosen a stock of Clothing as can be found in any town that corresponds with Wakefield in size and location is that carried by Mr. Frank E. Cox, proprietor of the "People's Clothing Store," and located at No. 456 Main Street, where one floor is occupied 80x25 feet in dimensions. Mr. Cox has been identified with his present establishment since 1888. He is a Clothier, Furnisher and Hatter, and has already built up quite an extensive trade, having also branch stores at Central Square, Stoneham, and No. 430 Broadway, Chelsea, Mass. Prompt and polite attention is assured to all customers, for two assistants are employed and no trouble is spared, while Mr. C. R. Davis is the general manager, who has had an extended experience. He was formerly assistant post-master at Belfast, Me.

H. E. WILEY,

BEDDING AND GREENHOUSE PLANTS,

Bouquets, Wreaths, Crosses, Anchors,

AND ALL KINDS OF

Artistic 'Floral Designs and Cut Flowers.

GREENHOUSES, YALE AVENUE,

WAKEFIELD, MASS.

HARRY F. LAWRENCE, Manufacturer, Wholesale and Retail Dealer in Reed and Rattan Goods of all Descriptions, No. 466 Main Street, Wakefield, Mass.—This enterprise, while only recently started, is apparently destined to develop into important proportions. Mr. Lawrence is a manufacturer of, and wholesale and retail dealer in, a great variety of Reed and Rattan Goods and Small Wares, his stock comprising a large line of all descriptions. Baby and Doll Carriages in great variety, Clothes Hampers in Willow and Rattan, also Children and Doll Chairs, and Toys in great variety. Imported Willow and Rush Baskets, Work Stands, Office Baskets, in fact, everything to be desired in Reed and Rattan Goods. A fine line of confectionery is also carried. The store is located at No. 466 Main Street, Wakefield, where every attention is given to persons desiring to inspect the goods there offered at prices that are satisfactory to the most careful buyer. Mr. Lawrence does both a wholesale and retail business and gives personal attention to the prompt filling of all orders.

KELLY BROTHERS, Dealers in Staple and Fancy Groceries, Flour, Grain, Etc., 460 Main Street, Wakefield, Mass.—As fine an example of a first-class family grocery and flour store as any one could wish to see, is afforded by the establishment carried on by Messrs. Kelly Brothers, at No. 460 Main Street, and such of our readers residing in Wakefield as have not yet found a grocery to suit them, would best serve their own interests by giving this store an early call. The premises occupied comprise one floor and a cellar each 85x25 feet in size, and are conveniently fitted up for the carrying of a large and varied stock, made up of choice staple and fancy Groceries, Teas, Coffees and Spices, etc., etc., together with fine Family Flour, Grain, etc. These goods are carefully selected to meet the requirements of family trade, and are offered at prices as low as can be named on articles of standard and guaranteed merit. The firm employ three assistants and goods are promptly and accurately delivered to any part of the town. This undertaking was established in 1888, by the present firm, the individual members being P. J. and E. B. Kelly, both of whom are natives of this town and well known and highly esteemed. Callers are assured immediate attention, and no trouble is spared to fully satisfy every customer, both as to quality and prices.

E. W. REMICK & CO., Practical Blacksmiths, Horse Shoeing, Carriage Work and General Jobbing, Center Street, Wakefield, Mass.—Every owner of horses and carriages should acquaint himself with a good place at which to have blacksmithing and horse shoeing done, the necessity for such work is apt to occur at any time, and it is well to know where square treatment and durable workmanship are to be found. Among those paying special attention to Blacksmith Work and Horse Shoeing, mention should be made of the establishment now conducted by E. W. Remick & Co., on Center Street. This business was originally founded by A. B. Woodman, in 1884, and is now under the control of the present proprietors, Mr. E. W. Remick and Thos. E. Giles. They have one of the best equipped shops in this vicinity, and turn out work that is sure to please the most critical, for the work is done in the best manner and warranted to give satisfaction. The premises occupied comprise one floor, 40x30 feet in dimensions. Only skilled assistants are employed and jobs can be done at a remarkably short notice when circumstances require haste. The charges made for work are very moderate, and Messrs. Remick & Co. endeavor to so treat their patrons as to make them permanent customers, guaranteeing fair dealing, durable work, and polite treatment.

EVERETT G. DALAND,
 DRY GOODS, BOYS' CLOTHING, GENTS' FURNISHINGS,
 HATS, ETC.

No. 390 MAIN STREET,

WAKEFIELD, - - - MASS.

One of the chief aims of this book is to furnish strangers in town and vicinity with authentic information in regard to the reliability and standing of our numerous business houses, as they often make inquiries before patronizing establishments which are strange to them. If anything in the line of dry goods be wanted, we can offer no better advice than to visit the store of Mr. Everett G. Daland, at No. 390 Main Street, Wakefield. Here will be found a large and fine assortment of Dry Goods, Children's Clothing, Men's Furnishings, Hats, and various small wares too numerous to mention. This enterprise was started in 1879 by the present proprietor, who is a native of this town, and well and favorably known throughout this neighborhood. The store occupied comprises in size 75x20 feet, and two reliable and competent assistants are employed. Customers are treated with the greatest courtesy; all goods are shown with promptness, while careful attention is given to orders. Visitors are invited to call and examine the great variety which is offered for inspection, and which is constantly changing with the seasons and fashions of the day, the goods being noted for their excellence and durability.

○HALEY & JONES, Dealers in Coal, Wood and Hay, Railroad Street, Wakefield, Mass.—Mr. G. P. Haley began this enterprise some years ago, and in 1892 Mr. Chas. L. Jones became a partner, the firm name being changed to Haley & Jones. They deal in Coal, Wood and Hay, Lime and Cement, and they do an extensive retail trade. Their offices are located at No. 96 Railroad Street, and No. 1 New Salem Street. The firm carry at all times a large stock of the commodities dealt in, and possess the best facilities for supplying the most desirable merchandise at lowest market rates. Satisfaction as to quality, weight and prices of same is always guaranteed, and the fullest confidence has already been inspired by the worth, business integrity and methods of the gentlemen in question. Both members of the firm are natives of Maine. Employment is afforded capable and reliable assistants, so that despite the large business done, all orders can and will be given immediate and careful attention, the system of delivery being uniformly reliable, and the Coal, Wood, Hay, etc., furnished being strictly the best in the market, while it is hardly necessary to say that they are in a position to quote the lowest prices.

GORDON'S Oyster and Ice Cream Saloon, Mrs. S. E. Gordon, Manager, 370 Main Street, Wakefield, Mass.—The wide popularity of Wakefield as a vacation resort is largely due to the fact that one may live here as cheaply or as expensively as he wishes. You may spend \$50 a week or \$5 a week for board and lodging, and in either event you will not lack company, for those to whom "money is no object," and those to whom it is a very considerable object, both visit Wakefield in large numbers, and enjoy themselves immensely, too. Excellent accommodations may be obtained at very low rates if you only know how, and one very popular and satisfactory way is to hire a room in some conveniently located house and eat at the restaurant carried on by Mrs. S. E. Gordon, at No. 370 Main Street. Terms are single dinners, 25 cents; six dinner tickets, \$1.25; board by the week, \$3.50. She started this enterprise in 1888 as an Oyster and Ice Cream Saloon, and the popularity of her efforts in this line was so pronounced that further demands of her patrons led to her furnishing well cooked meals in addition. The premises occupied comprise one floor 50x18 feet and will seat in dining room about 60 persons. Boarders are accommodated by the day or week, while the bill of fare is varied, food excellent, cooking good and prices reasonable. Lodging can also be obtained in connection with meals, the rooms being nice, clean and well-ventilated. Five assistants are employed, thus making the service prompt and obliging. Ice Cream in its season is made a specialty.

DR. JOSEPH D. MANSFIELD, Insurance, Cor. Albion and Main Streets, Wakefield, Mass.—Dr. Mansfield conducts an Insurance Agency at the old corner drug store, where he is prepared to place risks for Fire, Life, or Accident Insurance in first-class companies at the regular prevailing rates, and to facilitate the settlement of claims and losses with the least delay possible. As Dr. Mansfield is one of the oldest professional men in Wakefield, a few facts concerning his life may be of interest. Dr. Mansfield was born in Lynnfield March 22, 1817. His parents were William and Eunice Mansfield. At the age of seven years his mother died, leaving fourteen children, four of whom were younger than the subject of this article. The family remained in Lynnfield for several years, and as soon as the boys were old enough they were "put out" to live among families in this vicinity. Joseph D. was sent to the family of the late Mr. Aaron Cowdrey, who then owned a large farm on Cowdrey's hill. Dr. Mansfield worked on the farm for several years, in the meantime attending the district school two terms each year. He also attended the South Reading and Reading Academies, and later attended courses of medical lectures at Dartmouth College, Hanover, N. H. He also attended the medical college at Woodstock, Vt., where he was graduated in June, 1841, with the degree of M. D. During the summer months after graduating from college, Dr. Mansfield worked on the farm, and on September 19, 1841, began practicing medicine. About 1857, Dr. Mansfield and the late Dr. William H. Willis established a drug store in a building south of the present location of Daland's dry goods store. It was the second drug store established between Charlestown and Haverhill, the first being in Malden. After remaining there a few years, Dr. Mansfield removed to his present location, corner of Albion and Main Streets, where he has remained for nearly thirty-two years. In 1869 Dr. Mansfield retired from practice, having completed twenty-eight years, and devoted himself entirely to the drug business. Dr. Mansfield has been a member of the East Middlesex branch of the Massachusetts Medical Society for over fifty years. He is also a member of the Massachusetts State Pharmaceutical Association, and received a certificate as registered pharmacist, December 2, 1885. He some time since retired from the drug business and has since occupied his old office window, devoting his time to the Insurance business.

A. MERRILL BOWSER,



ARCHITECT,



WAKEFIELD, MASS.

MR. BOWSER DESIGNED ABOUT 50 HOUSES IN BRIGHTON, MASS., AND FOR THE SEASON OF 1892 WAS SUPERVISING **ARCHITECT** FOR WAKEFIELD, MASS. HE HAS HAD PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE AS A BUILDER, AND HENCE IS EASILY FITTED FOR THE DUTIES OF SUPERVISING ARCHITECT. HE HAS MADE A SPECIAL STUDY OF ARTISTIC REMODELING.

S. E. RYDER & CO., Pharmacists, No. 416 Main Street, Wakefield, Mass.—That there is no similar establishment in this business more worthy of the liberal patronage of the public than that conducted by Messrs. S. E. Ryder & Co., the drift of well informed trade amply verifies. This firm have recently fitted up a new store at No. 416 Main Street, which for elegance, taste, finish, convenience and appointment is rarely equaled in the suburban towns of Boston. It is finished in quartered oak with mountings beautifully carved. The prescription desk especially is a “thing of beauty” and in strict harmony with the cases and shelves on either side of the store. The desk is some twelve feet in length with a fine six-foot plate mirror in the centre, with ornamental fancy colored glass windows extending across the front on each side of mirror, which with the carved mountings at top before alluded to gives an effect that cannot fail to impress the visitor with a feeling of admiration. The show cases are of beveled edge plate glass, while the marble top counter forms an angled arch around an elegant Tuft’s soda fountain. The floor is tiled, the store lighted by electricity and heated by steam, so that there seems nothing wanting for the pleasure and comfort of patrons. Mr. Ryder has put in a complete stock of Fresh Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals, Homeopathic Remedies, Druggists’ Sundries, Toilet Articles, etc., while a choice line of Domestic and Imported Cigars is always on hand to select from. A specialty is made by this firm of the compounding of Physicians’ Prescriptions either day or night, and the store is provided with a night bell and speaking tube. The public has a right to expect that no pains shall be spared to insure entire accuracy in the compounding of prescriptions, and certainly so far as this firm is concerned this expectation is fully justified, for the system followed by Mr. Ryder is the outgrowth of twelve years’ of practical experience, and reduces the chance of even trivial error to a minimum. Three assistants are employed, and all orders are filled at short notice and at the very lowest rates consistent with the use of the best ingredients. A full line of choice Confectionery is carried. A very popular feature at this store is the soda trade, which is quite remarkable. Mr. Ryder prepares his own fruit extracts, making his syrup in a manner to retain the richest and most delicate flavors, and a large trade from an appreciative public is his reward.

E. I. PURRINGTON, Carpenter and Builder, Shop, Centre Street, Wakefield, Mass.—Mr. E. I. Purrrington has been identified with his present business for many years, he having been brought up in the trade with his father, John Purrrington, who established the business in 1853, but in 1883 Mr. E. I. Purrrington succeeded to the establishment. His shop is located on Centre Street, and is equipped with a gas engine which furnishes power. The shop is furnished with machinery for Sawing, Planing, etc. He also has an engine lathe for jobbing and repair work. The shop is 20x32 feet in dimensions and centrally located. Mr. Purrrington was a member of the board of assessors for two years, but the character of his business interests has prevented him from giving much time to public affairs. Besides doing a general Carpentering and Building business, he gives particular attention to alterations and repairs, and is prepared to give estimates for all kinds of jobbing, and employment is given to an ample force of assistants according to season. General jobbing in carpentering or machine work is made a specialty and promptly attended to. Mr. Purrrington is well known in business, social and fraternal circles. He is Past Grand, I. O. O. F., and also a member of F. and A. M.

HUGH CONNELL, Dealer in Boots, Shoes and Rubbers, 442 Main, Corner of Mechanic Street, Wakefield, Mass.—The residents of Wakefield and vicinity will compare favorably with those of any other community as regards intelligence, and as they have good facilities for purchasing Boots and Shoes to the best advantage, it is obvious that an establishment devoted expressly to the sale of these articles which is exceptionally popular and well patronized, must be ably and liberally managed. Therefore we need not dwell upon the methods by which Mr. Hugh Connell, the proprietor of the store in question, has built up his trade, but will simply say that he proposes to maintain the enviable reputation he has won for furnishing dependable goods at bottom prices, and giving prompt and courteous attention to every caller. Mr. Connell is a native of this town, and established his present business in 1887. The premises occupied are located at No. 442 Main, corner of Mechanic Streets, and comprise one floor 40x25 feet in dimensions, and are conveniently fitted up for the comfort of patrons. Five competent assistants are employed, and a complete line of Boots, Shoes and Rubbers is carried. Repairing will be done in a superior manner and at the lowest prices consistent with the attainment of satisfactory results.

ALBION HOTEL, Geo. W. Jennings, Proprietor, No. 8 Albion Street, Wakefield, Mass.—This house was established by its present popular proprietor, and is one of the favorite stopping places. It is the only licensed Hotel in town. Rooms and Board can be obtained here by the day or week. The Albion House is located at No. 8 Albion Street; it is not large but run in good neat shape, and its patrons are politely served by the four attentive assistants who are constantly at hand. The table will seat thirty guests, is kept in the best manner possible, and an excellent bill of fare is served at popular prices. Mr. Jennings is a considerate, accommodating host, and is ever vigilant to anticipate and supply the wants of his guests. He is a native of New York State and is accounted by those visiting his house a model landlord, whose success has been worthily won. He was formerly proprietor of the Brunswick House at Binghamton, N. Y. The Albion Hotel is well located opposite the Post Office and central to the business places of the town. Choice brands of cigars are constantly on hand. A stable is kept in connection with the hotel for the accommodation of those traveling by the road.

Wakefield Steam Laundry,

C. H. COX, Proprietor,

Wakefield's Block, WAKEFIELD, MASS.

Massachusetts people as a general thing are not given to making changes without some good reason exists for so doing, but, on the other hand, they are quick to recognize genuine merit, and hence may be depended upon to patronize any really worthy enterprise to which their attention may be called. As a case in point, let us refer to the high degree of success attained by the "Wakefield Steam Laundry," located in Wakefield's Block, and of which Mr. C. H. Cox is the proprietor. This enterprise was inaugurated in 1876, by the same gentleman, who is a native of Reading, Mass., and is well known throughout this town and vicinity. As soon as the fine character of the work turned out became known, and it was learned that the prices were as reasonable as the work was satisfactory, a large patronage was accorded Mr. Cox, and this has steadily and rapidly increased up to the present time. The premises utilized, and located on Lincoln Street, comprise one floor 60x80 feet and a basement 30x40 feet in size, which are fitted up with every facility for the production of first-class Laundry work. The extensive business now done requires the services of twenty-five competent and reliable assistants throughout the year.

McINTOSH BROS.,

MANUFACTURERS OF

EXPRESS, JOB AND FURNITURE WAGONS.

Heavy Carts built to order. Repairing of all kinds a specialty.

ALBION STREET, OPPOSITE CATHOLIC CHURCH,
Wakefield, Mass.

The introduction of machinery has worked many radical changes during the past thirty or forty years, but its effects are not altogether good, for one of these has been to greatly reduce the number of really skilled mechanics. Manufacturing has been divided up into specialties, and a man may now work in a machine shop for years and then know only how to run some special machine or other, being actually no more of a mechanic in the full sense of the word when he has had long experience than he was in the beginning. The blacksmith's trade has been affected considerably by this condition of affairs, but not so much as other trades, and experience, ingenuity and skill are still required to command success in this branch of industry. No one in this section of the State has a higher reputation as Carriage Builders than Messrs. McIntosh Bros., and the quality of the work turned out at this shop affords convincing proof that this reputation is thoroughly well deserved. The firm is composed of Alexander B. and Geo. P. McIntosh, both of whom have made many friends here since beginning operations in 1892. The premises occupied are located on Albion Street, opposite the Catholic Church, and comprise two floors 65x35 feet in dimensions. Express, Job, Furniture Wagons and Farm Carts are built to order, while Heavy and Light Repairing is made a specialty. All orders are assured prompt and careful attention, first-class work being done at uniformly moderate rates, and satisfaction guaranteed in every instance.

CHARLES F. GILMAN, Pharmacist, Railroad Street, Opposite Upper Depot, Wakefield, Mass.

—There is no kind of business more dependent upon its worth and usefulness than a retail pharmacy. We therefore take pleasure in calling the attention of our readers to the establishment conducted by Mr. Charles F. Gilman, on Railroad Street, opposite the Upper Depot, Wakefield, for here nothing is left to chance, but every department of the business is carefully and intelligently supervised, and the result is a service upon which absolute dependence can be placed. Mr. Gilman is a native of Maine, and began operations here in 1891, as a successor to Messrs. H. M. and L. W. Cross. He occupies one floor 35x20 feet in dimensions and carries a complete stock of Drugs, Medicines and Chemicals, besides Toilet Articles, Cigars and Choice Confectionery. Prescriptions are compounded at short notice in a most skillful and painstaking manner, and the charges made will be found uniformly moderate. One reliable assistant is employed and all callers are assured prompt and polite service.

GEO. H. TAYLOR, Tinsmith and Plumber, Steam, Gas and Water Fitting, Dealer in Stoves, Ranges, Furnaces, Hardware, Kitchen Furnishing Goods, Etc. Stove Repairs constantly on hand. Store, No. 3 Walton's Block, No. 450 Main Street; shop, Walton's Block, No. 1 Mechanic Street.—The time has gone by when it was necessary to dwell upon the importance of having plumbing work done in first-class style by a thoroughly reliable man, for the public are now well informed on the subject, and appreciate the fact that quality and not lowness of price is the true test of cheapness in every description of plumbing work. Therefore it is not at all surprising that Mr. Geo. H. Taylor should have built up an extensive business since he began operations at Wakefield in 1888, for he is a thoroughly competent and reliable plumber. This enterprise was founded in 1868 by Mr. Joseph Cartright, he being succeeded by Daniel Goss, and he by the present proprietor eight years ago. He is a native of Hyde Park, Mass., and a dealer in Stoves, Ranges, Hardware and Kitchen Furnishing Goods, etc. Drainage, Ventilation, and the testing of old plumbing work are given special attention; orders for Steam, Gas and Water Fitting are also promptly and skillfully attended to, a force of seven experienced workmen being employed. The premises occupied are located at No. 450 Main Street, comprise one floor 52x23 feet, and a shop in the basement for jobbing and plumbing work, while their equipment and appearance are unrivaled in this section.

E. S. HAYES & SON, — BAKERS, — BREAD :: CAKE :: AND :: PASTRY.

Wedding Cake a Specialty. Orders for Catering Promptly Executed.

366 Main Street, - - - Wakefield, Mass.

This enterprise was started nearly a quarter of a century ago for the manufacture of Crackers and has always enjoyed a high reputation for high grade work.

In 1893 the business came under the management of the present firm, who also in addition to their large wholesale and retail trade in Fancy Crackers of all kinds do an extensive business in Bread, Cake and Pastry, while a specialty is made of Wedding Cake and special attention paid to Catering for private parties, weddings, balls or any public occasion, all orders receiving prompt attention. Three teams are run and six assistants are employed, the routes embracing Wakefield, Lynnfield, Reading, Stoneham, Wilmington and Sangus.

Their store is exceedingly well appointed and well stocked with a choice variety of Cake and Pastry, while the excellence of the Bread made here insures a large trade in that line, everything usually found in a first-class Baker's Store is always well presented here. The store is centrally located for trade at 366 Main Street. Messrs. E. S. Hayes & Son give the business very close personal supervision and aim to furnish the best grade of goods possible, made from the best materials, and are developing the business into quite prominent proportions, and well deserve the success attending their efforts.

CUTLER BROS., Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Hay, Flour, Grain, Groceries and Poultry Supplies Crockery, Glassware, Farming Implements, Paints, Oils, Varnishes, Etc. Proprietors of the Celebrated "Belle of Wakefield" Flour, Corner Main and Water Streets, Wakefield, Mass.—In one sense of the word, practically all grocery stores are alike, but it will be found on more intimate acquaintance that stores differ as much as people do, and the more thoroughly you are acquainted with them the more broad the difference appears. Every establishment has distinguishing characteristics of its own, and perhaps the most prominent feature of the store carried on by Messrs. Cutler Bros., on the corner of Main and Water Streets, is the dependence that can safely be placed upon all representations made there. This establishment was founded in 1873 by Messrs. Cutler Bros., both natives of Burlington, Mass. But without change of firm-name they were succeeded by one of the partners, Mr. Nath'l D. Cutler, who has associated with him his two sons—Fred E. and Otis M. Cutler—both graduates of the Wakefield High School, and all well and favorably known in this locality. The premises utilized comprise one building, three floors and a basement, 100x80 feet in dimensions, and a large and varied stock is carried consisting of Staple Groceries, Hay, Flour, Grain and Poultry Supplies, Crockery, Glassware, Paints and Oils, etc., a specialty being made of the "Belle of Wakefield" flour of which this firm are the proprietors. Twelve assistants are employed and an extensive wholesale and retail trade is carried on, while all orders are given prompt and accurate attention, and the prices will be found to be satisfactory. This is one of the most finely equipped enterprises of its kind to be found outside the large cities. It is lighted by electricity, they having their own plant whose capacity is 115 lights; also have a storage battery. Their Grain Mill in the same building with elevator has a storage capacity of 50,000 bushels and a grinding capacity of 500 bushels per day. A large hay trade both wholesale and retail is also an important factor in this business. They are large dealers in Farm Supplies. The services of twelve horses are required to transact the business.

WM. B. JONES, Merchant Tailor, 33 Albion Street, Wakefield, Mass. Satisfaction Guaranteed.—An accepted and prominent authority on matters of dress has said, 'Material is nothing, fit is everything,' and although this, like all general statements, is not to be interpreted too literally, still the leading idea it conveys is worthy of careful attention. The richest and most tasteful material can never make a thoroughly presentable garment unless it be skillfully cut, perfectly fitted and carefully put together, while on the other hand, inferior material, if its pattern be not absolutely offensive, can be so treated as to make an effective and attractive garment. Of course the object to be striven for is to combine good material, skillful workmanship and a perfect fit, and one of the surest methods we know of to attain this highly desirable result is to place the order with Mr. Wm. B. Jones, doing business at No. 33 Albion Street. This gentleman has carried on his present establishment since 1873, during which time he has built up a well-deserved reputation for producing fine artistic and well made clothing at moderate prices. Mr. Jones is a Merchant Tailor and carries a carefully chosen assortment of fine fabrics for gentlemen's wear, and not only has the latest novelties, but also a full selection of staple goods in stock, thus enabling him to suit all varieties of taste and to make garments suitable for all occasions at short notice. Employment is given to five competent assistants, and every order is assured prompt and painstaking attention, satisfaction being guaranteed. Mr. Jones is a native of Ireland.

E. U. GLEASON, Photographer, No. 23 Aborn Avenue, Wakefield, Mass. P. O. Box 354. Any kind of Photographic work executed promptly and satisfactorily.—Photography as conducted to-day in all parts of the world and by all the various grades of artists, and those who aspire to become such, presents this pertinent fact that the element which makes the true artist is born in the person and is not created by education or experience, these of course develop the genius acquired by nature, and by extended and constant effort sometimes carry its possessor to success and renown, but without that natural gift—never; this fact is the same in other professions of art and even much more pronounced than in this profession. Hence we find in the productions and efforts of some amateurs this instinct very perceptibly revealed, and their work giving evidence of rare taste, judgment and skill, and by continued effort they pass from the amateur to the skilled professional unaided except by their own native ability. In this connection we feel that it will not be considered a strained effort to call attention to the artistic work in photography produced by Mr. E. U. Gleason, of No. 23 Aborn Avenue, Wakefield, Mass., for he has had experience in both Landscape Viewing and Portrait Work. Most of the views in this work so far as Wakefield is concerned were obtained from him. Outside work and Children's Portraits are his specialties. He has rooms arranged at his residence as above for the Portrait Work, where he will be pleased to serve his patrons old or young, and guarantee first-class work at moderate prices. Orders for all kind of photographic work executed promptly and satisfactorily, and at reasonable rates. Mail address is P. O. Box 354, Wakefield, Mass.

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No. 14 ALBION STREET,

WAKEFIELD, MASS.

W. D. DEADMAN, Dealer in Provisions, Beef, Pork, Lard, Ham, Eggs, etc. Post Office Building, Wakefield, Mass.—The importance of the meat and provision trade cannot be overestimated, for it is truly one of the most prominent industries, engaging the attention of a large number of firms and individuals, and employing labor and capital to a marked degree. Though thousands of tons of these commodities are sold each year, there is no perceptible diminution in the demand for first class goods. Among the houses devoted to the above-named line of business in Wakefield, that of Mr. W. D. Deadman occupies an honorable position. He is a native of this town, and established his present business here in 1869. The premises occupied are located in the Post Office Building; they comprise one floor 50x20 feet in size and are filled with a well selected stock of Choice Meats and Provisions, Beef, Pork, Lard, Ham, Eggs, etc.; Fruits and Vegetables in their season. The large trade enjoyed requires the services of four competent assistants, and its details are most ably managed. All the goods of this house are above comment and all purchasers are too well aware of their extra quality to oblige us to call special attention to them. The lowest prices are quoted and all orders receive prompt and careful attention. The proprietor is highly esteemed as a citizen and honorable business man.

THE JACKSON HOUSE, No. 91 Albion Street, Wakefield, Mass., Mrs. Ada Kitchen, Proprietress.—There is no surer way to gain the good will of the average man, than by directing him to an establishment where he can get what is popularly known as a "square meal," at a moderate price, for if the service there offered prove satisfactory to him, he will remember you gratefully every time he repeats his visit. Therefore we feel that we are bound to make many friends among our readers by bringing to their attention the "Jackson House" Restaurant and Dining Room, conducted by Mrs. Ada Kitchen, now located at 91 Albion Street, Wakefield. This house is run in a neat and attractive manner, and Mrs. Kitchen treats her patrons so liberally that we do not see how it would be possible for any reasonable man to find fault with the accommodations offered. Mrs. Kitchen feeds a great many people and feeds them well, providing meals at all hours and making table d'hôte a specialty, while special supper parties are served at short notice, everything being first class in every respect. Transients are accommodated with good rooms and beds, while the bill of fare is varied, the cooking good, the service prompt, polite and intelligent, and prices very moderate. This is a good place for the traveling public to bear in mind when visiting Wakefield.

IRA ATKINSON, Dealer in Groceries, Flour and Grain, Choice Teas, Coffees and Spices, 470 Main Street, Wakefield, Mass.—The grocery establishment carried on by Mr. Ira Atkinson, at No. 472 Main Street, is one of the oldest and most complete of its kind in Wakefield, and is a deserved favorite among the purchasing public. The enterprise was founded in 1874 by the present proprietor. He is a native of Madison, N. H., and gives his close personal attention to the business; as three assistants are employed it is not surprising that the extensive wholesale and retail business should be promptly and accurately handled. Mr. Atkinson deals in Groceries of all kinds, Flour and Grain, Choice Teas, Coffees and Spices, etc., and is in a position to supply these commodities in any desired quantity and to quote bottom rates to both large and small buyers. The premises occupied comprise one floor 100x25 feet in dimensions, besides a storehouse, both affording ample opportunity for the carrying of a large and complete stock, comprising all the goods mentioned, together with others of minor importance. Mr. Atkinson guarantees every article he sells to prove strictly as represented, and is honorable and enterprising in all his business methods. He has been in business twenty-six years and has always paid one hundred cents on the dollar. His store is very popular and is being more liberally patronized every year.

C. H. CURTIS, Caterer and Dealer in Plain and Fancy Crackers, Ice Cream, Bread, Confectionery, Canned Goods, etc., Wakefield, Mass.—In calling attention to the establishment conducted by Mr. C. H. Curtis at No. 430 Main Street, we feel sure we are but giving expression to the sentiments of many people in this vicinity when we say it is one of the most reliable enterprises of the kind in Wakefield, and those who have made a practice of dealing with this establishment speak of the even excellence of the goods offered, and the uniform courtesy extended to every customer. Mr. Curtis is a native of Vermont, and began operations here in 1888. The premises utilized comprise one floor 50x10 feet, and a Bakehouse 35x20 feet in dimensions. Five assistants are employed, while the proprietor gives his own close personal attention to the business as well, both a large wholesale and retail business being carried on. The goods sold here enjoy an enviable reputation in the neighborhood, and it is only natural that they should, for they are made from good materials by skilled assistants. Plain and Fancy Crackers, Soft Bread, Canned Goods, Ice Cream and Fine Confectionery, etc., may be obtained here in great variety, and everything is guaranteed strictly as represented, while prompt attention is given to all orders and all callers are treated politely. A specialty is made of catering for Weddings, Parties, Balls, Church Fairs, etc., everything furnished at reasonable rates.

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Many persons have an idea that jewelers located in the great trade centres, such, for instance, as Boston, can and do quote lower prices than those located elsewhere, but this idea is quite incorrect, the fact being that the heavy expenses of the Boston jewelers, and their depending as a general thing more on transient than on regular trade, combine to make their charges as high and often higher than those of jewelers doing business in smaller places—notably Wakefield. Proof of this may be obtained by comparing the prices quoted by Mr. Daniel N. Chadsey with those of Boston dealers, and it is a fact that Watches or Jewelry may be bought from him as cheap, and in some instances more cheaply, than from dealers who make much greater pretensions. He is a native of Canada, and has carried on his present enterprise since 1887, so we need hardly add that he is thoroughly familiar with every detail of the Watch and Jewelry business. His store is located on Main Street, one floor 40x15 feet in dimensions being occupied, containing a carefully chosen stock of Watches, Jewelry and Optical Goods, all fully guaranteed to prove as represented; fine watch repairing is made a specialty, such orders being promptly and skillfully filled at reasonable rates.

DR. O. A. PARKER, Dentist, Office Hours, 8 to 12 A. M., 1 to 5:30 P. M., Main Street, Opposite Postoffice, Wakefield, Mass. Evenings by appointment only.—It would be absurd to say that any dentist, no matter how skillful and careful, or how perfectly supplied with the latest improved tools and appliances, can practice his profession without inflicting the least pain upon his patients, but that some are more successful in this respect than others is a fact so obvious as to be known to all. For instance, it is well understood in Wakefield and vicinity that Dr. O. A. Parker is one of the most careful and successful operators to be found in this section, and it is also understood that his present methods by no means interfere with the thoroughness with which his work is done, for on the contrary by thus gaining the confidence of his patients he is enabled to accomplish results which would otherwise be impossible. Dr. Parker is well known and highly respected throughout this vicinity. His office, which is located on the second story at No. 432 Main Street, comprises one floor with three rooms which are fitted up for the comfort of patrons. Dr. Parker is a graduate of the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, being the gold medalist of his class, and his facilities are such that Dentistry in all its branches can be successfully carried on in accordance with the most approved methods, and these facilities, by lessening the labor involved in doing a given piece of work, enable him to make his charges very reasonable, a fact which is duly appreciated by the public. Dr. Parker makes a specialty of crown work. His office hours are 8 to 12 A. M. and 1 to 5:30 P. M.

JAMES DEVLIN, Merchant Tailor, Imported Foreign and Domestic Goods, No. 440 Main Street, Second Story, Wakefield, Mass.—No man can afford to despise the influence of dress. There is, of course, such a thing as wasting money on clothing, but the mistake many men make is in going to the other extreme and dressing cheaply and shabbily, and the results can hardly be favorable. To dress well and fashionably need not cost a great deal of money. Exercise discrimination in choosing a tailor and be guided, in some degree, by his advice. It is for his interest to use you well, and it is for your interest to use him well. He will do his best to keep a steady customer, and you will find that a tailor accustomed to your form can fit you better than a stranger. Mr. James Devlin is located at No. 440 Main Street, on the second story. He began business here in 1889, and has already many steady customers. Our readers will find it difficult to learn of an establishment offering more inducements to its customers than this one, for Mr. Devlin is liberal in his methods, and makes it a point to give a generous equivalent for all that he receives. He has been a resident of Wakefield for the past twenty-two years, where he has made many friends. Three assistants are employed, and all that good workmanship and low prices can do to satisfy patrons is done here. Mr. Devlin has a branch store in Stoneham, located in Hill's Block, Central Square, where a large business is done.

LEWIS E. CARTER, Fine Groceries, Canned Goods, Pickles and Preserves, Oyster River Creamery Butter, Fine Cheese, Sterling Brand Flour, No. 39 Albion Street, Perkins' Block, Wakefield, Mass.—The undertaking carried on by Mr. Lewis E. Carter was founded in 1882, by Mr. A. J. Hutchinson, he being succeeded by the present proprietor, and his business now ranks with the most popular of its kind in this town. Mr. Carter is a native of Millbury, Mass., and has so extended and varied an experience in connection with his present line of business as to be able to offer his customers special advantages, as indeed may be guessed from the popularity of his establishment, it being one of the most liberally patronized stores of the kind in Wakefield. The premises occupied are located at No. 39 Albion Street, in Perkins' Block; they comprise one floor and a cellar each 40x18 feet in size, together with two side rooms 9x14 and 16x8 feet respectively, and contain a large and varied stock of General Groceries, Canned Goods, Pickles and Preserves, Oyster River Creamery Butter and Fine Cheese being specialties, all of which are offered at the lowest market rates. Mr. Carter caters to all classes of trade and endeavors to fully satisfy every customer, his goods being warranted to prove as represented, and prompt and polite service is assured to all. Two assistants are employed and all orders are carefully filled.

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Residence, 16 Eaton Street, - - - Wakefield, Mass.

JORDAN'S DRUG STORE, J. Clarence Oxley, Manager, Registered Pharmacist. 438 Main Street, Wakefield, Mass.—As health is the most valuable possession that any person can have, it follows that every reasonable person should take pains to preserve the same, and if it should become impaired, to regain it as soon as possible by the employment of only skillful and trustworthy physicians and also equally competent druggists, for the most eminent physicians' efforts may be seriously neutralized unless his prescriptions are filled from fresh, pure drugs, and properly compounded with that skill which is the outcome of education and practical experience. In this connection we need make no apology for calling attention to "Jordan's Drug Store," managed by Mr. J. C. Oxley, a registered Pharmacist, and located at No. 438 Main Street, Wakefield, Mass. The proprietor is Mr. Winfield C. Jordan, who gives his personal attention largely to other interests, being proprietor of the Wakefield Reed Chair Co. The premises occupied for the drug store comprise one floor 40x20 feet in dimensions, and are elegantly fitted up with carved mahogany counters, case and fixtures, with a fine Soda Fountain, the effect being to make the entire store very attractive in appearance, especially as the large and varied stock is tastefully displayed and comprises a full line of Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals, Druggists' Sundries, Toilet Articles, Perfumeries, Confectionery, Cigars, etc. The Prescription Department is made the specialty and all orders in this line are promptly attended to; a good line of Surgical Instruments for the Medical Profession is carried in stock. Every effort is made to retain the high reputation this house has gained since its establishment some fifteen years ago.

HARVARD KNITTING MILL, Winship, Boit & Co., Proprietors, Manufacturers of Ladies' Jersey Underwear of all Grades, Main Street, Wakefield's Block, Wakefield, Mass.—The many and decided changes in "fashion" have never been satisfactorily accounted for, and in all probability never will be, but these changes apply almost exclusively to exterior garments, for the demand for underwear is not guided by the dictates of fashion, but by such important characteristics as ease, warmth, perfection of fit, durability, and beauty of material and design. It naturally follows that Jersey underwear is becoming more and more popular every year, for no other underwear combines so many advantages; and the great and steadily increasing demand for Jersey underwear made by reputable and well equipped concerns shows that this fact is very generally appreciated. In this connection it is very fitting that mention should be made of the Harvard Knitting Mill, of which Messrs. Winship, Boit & Co. are proprietors, for this establishment is devoted to the manufacture of Ladies' Jersey Underwear exclusively; and the quality of the product and the prices quoted combine to make the Harvard Knitting Mill of great interest to dealers who cater to that class of trade who appreciate first-class goods at moderate prices. The business was founded in 1888 in Cambridge, and was removed to Wakefield in 1889. The premises utilized are located in Wakefield's Block, Main Street, have an area of 2,000 square feet, and are fitted up with a plant of machinery that is really remarkable in its efficiency, accuracy and speed of operation. Employment is given to sixty-eight competent assistants, and even the largest orders can generally be filled at short notice.

J. W. POLAND & CO., Dry and Fancy Goods, Wool and Oil Carpets, Straw Matting, Paper Hangings—412 Main Street, Wakefield, Mass.—In these days of sudden and frequent changes in fashion and sharp and intelligent competition it is no easy matter to carry on a really first-class dry and fancy goods store, for the stock of such an establishment must of necessity be large and varied, must be so frequently renewed as always to include the latest fashionable novelties and the goods of which it is composed must be sold at a narrow margin of profit in order to be disposed of as rapidly as is necessary. Consequently first-class stores of this kind are not common, and as that of which Messrs. J. W. Poland & Co. are the proprietors is thoroughly first-class, it naturally follows that it enjoys a very large share of the patronage of residents of Wakefield and vicinity. This business was established in 1887 by the present firm, the individual members being J. Warren Poland, Geo. A. Murray and Horace M. Wiley, the former being a native of this town, and very well known, having served in the United States Navy in the war. The premises occupied are located at No. 412 Main Street, and comprise one floor 70x20 feet in dimensions, finished handsomely in cherry. They contain a full and desirable stock of Dry and Fancy Goods, Wool and Oil Carpets, Matting, Paper Hangings, etc., etc., and many other notions too numerous to mention, besides the stock is replenished so frequently and largely that any detailed description of it would soon be "out of date." All goods sold are in every instance guaranteed to prove as represented and are sold at bottom prices. Four assistants are employed and callers are assured prompt attention.

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J. F. WOODWARD, Manufacturer of Awls, Shoe Tools, Hayes' Lasting Jacks, etc., 115 Albion Street, Wakefield, Mass.—The enterprise carried on by Mr. J. F. Woodward is of special interest from a historical point of view, for it is one of the comparatively few business enterprises in this country that have been carried on for many years and have been under the control of the same family from the very first; and the founder of this business was the first manufacturer of Awls in this country, while it was in connection with this enterprise that the manufacture of the famous Emerson Razor Strop was begun. In 1848, the business came under the control of Mr. James F. Woodward; in 1862, the firm of James F. Woodward & Co. was formed; in 1871, the firm-name was changed to James F. Woodward & Son, and in 1889, Mr. James F. Woodward resumed sole control. A spacious and well-equipped shop, located at No. 115 Albion Street, is utilized, and the manufacture of Awls and Shoe Tools is quite extensively carried on; a specialty being made of Hayes' Lasting Jacks, which have been on the market about ten years, and are endorsed by the many who have tested them by long continued practical use as being not only simple, solid, serviceable and efficient, but as representing more value for money received than any other lasting machine before the public. These jacks—like all the productions of Mr. Woodward—are carefully made from selected material, and are fully guaranteed to prove precisely as represented in every respect. Mr. Woodward employs competent assistance; gives careful personal attention to the various details of his business, and is prepared to fill orders at short notice and at uniformly moderate rates.

DR. C. H. MAGOON, Dentist, No. 437 Main Street, 2nd Floor, Wakefield, Mass.—It is by no means uncommon practice for people to follow the same policy in caring for their teeth as they do in caring for their eyes,—that is to say, they don't care for them at all until they are forcibly reminded by pain or by the inability of their teeth or their eyes to easily do what is demanded of them, that "something is the matter." If it is their eyes that are troubling them, very probably they will put off getting a pair of spectacles until the very last moment, as they "don't want to weaken their eyes by humoring them;" if it is their teeth that ache or are so sensitive that it hurts to bite with them, they are apt to laugh at the idea of visiting a dentist,—first, because they "haven't time," and second, because their teeth are so sensitive that they don't wish to let even the most expert dentist touch them. And yet, if experience has taught anything, it has taught that "a stitch in time saves nine" in the repair of the teeth as well as in the repair of textile fabrics, and that not only valuable time but much more valuable teeth can be saved by early consultation with a competent dentist. There are many thoroughly competent dentists in this section of the State, but many residents of Wakefield and vicinity make it a rule to consult Dr. C. H. Magoon when they wish to have any dental work done, as he has practiced his profession here for more than a quarter of a century, and of course is very generally known. Dr. Magoon is a native of Litchfield, Maine, and opened an office here in Wakefield in 1867. He utilizes three spacious rooms at No. 437 Main Street, and we need hardly say that they are equipped with the most improved apparatus and instruments for the practice of dentistry in all its branches. Dr. Magoon is assisted by Dr. C. J. Washburn, who has been with him for five years. All patients are promptly and skillfully attended, and are charged only reasonable rates.

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JOHN FLANLEY, Dealer in Parlor and Chamber Furniture, Bedding, Carpets and Wall Papers. Upholstery and Repairing Neatly Done. Curtain and Shade Work. Albion Street, Wakefield, Mass.—There is probably not a business man in Wakefield who has conducted a business here, who has less need of an introduction to the people of that town and vicinity than Mr. John Flanley, for he has been identified with the furniture trade for many years, and the nature and magnitude of his business have had the effect of bringing him in contact with all classes in this section. This enterprise was founded by Messrs. Gammers and Trow in 1866, they being succeeded by the present proprietor in 1884. He is a native of this town. He is agent for Wakefield and Reading for Eddy's Standard Refrigerators and carries them in stock. The premises occupied are located on Albion Street and comprise two floors each 60x30 feet in dimensions, a large retail trade being carried on in Parlor and Chamber Furniture, Bedding, Carpets, Window Shades and Wall Papers, etc.; a Paperhanger furnished when desired. Upholstery and repairing are neatly done, and from this gentleman's long experience in this business he is thoroughly familiar with all the details and affords assurance that all commissions will be promptly executed and at the lowest prices.



STILLMAN J. PUTNEY, Manufacturer Heeler, Dealer in Heels, Rands, Top Piecing, etc., Corner Main and Salem Streets, Wakefield, Mass.—Of the various industrial establishments in Wakefield, one of the most interesting to those who appreciate how much the present cheapness of footwear is due to the manufacture of its being divided up into specialties is that carried on by Mr. Stillman J. Putney, at the corner of Main and Salem Streets, the building being the old town hall and library building. This is devoted to the manufacture of Heels, and is so well equipped and well managed that the results attained afford most convincing evidence that "specialty"—in shoe manufacturing at all events—is the most accurate and the most economical. The factory is fitted up with machinery of the most improved type, driven by an 8-horse power engine, and employment is given to a competent force of assistants, orders being filled promptly as well as accurately, and at the lowest prevailing rates. Mr.

Putney is a dealer in Heels, Rands, Top-piecing, etc., and is prepared to furnish them in quantities to suit at short notice. He is a native of Wakefield and is well known in both business and social circles. He is a member of the present board of selectmen. He has been in business here for a quarter of a century, and is a prominent member of fraternal societies, being Past Master of the Masonic Lodge and Past Grand of the Odd Fellows' Lodge. Mr. Putney gives close attention to the many details of his business, and thus maintains the service at a high standard of efficiency.

J. S. BONNEY, Ph. G., Druggist, Corner Main and Albion Streets, Wakefield, Mass.—To the most of us drugs are a good deal like what revolvers are said to be in Texas—you may not have occasion to use them for years, but when you do better them you want them bad. This being the case it is obvious that the more well-stocked drug stores there are the better it is for the community at large, for "delays are dangerous," and a few moments lost in the obtaining of some drug or the compounding of some prescription may have very serious consequences. Speaking of prescriptions brings to mind the establishment conducted by J. Bonney, at corner of Main and Albion Streets, Wakefield; a specialty is made here of the Compounding of Prescriptions, and every facility is at hand to enable them to be accurately carried out at the shortest possible notice. Mr. Bonney is a member of the Massachusetts Pharmaceutical Association, also treasurer of the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy. The stock on hand comprises Drugs, Medicines and Chemicals of every description, and, being obtained from the most reputable sources, the articles composing it can be confidently relied upon for purity and freshness. A fine assortment of Druggists' Sundries, Toilet Articles, Fancy Goods, Confectionery, Cigars, etc., is also constantly on hand to select from, and the prices quoted will compare very favorably with those named by other dealers in goods of equal excellence. This store has been successfully carried on for over half a century, having been established in 1841 by Willis and Mansfield, and in 1849 Dr. Mansfield became sole proprietor, the present proprietor succeeding to it in 1892.

A. S. ATHERTON & SON, Dealers in Choice Groceries; Full Line of Crockery, Albion Street, Wakefield, Mass. Pratt's Astral Oil Always on Hand.—One of the oldest establishments in this town is that conducted by Mr. A. S. Atherton & Son as Grocery store. It was founded in 1874, by A. S. and W. S. Atherton, they being succeeded by H. S. Atherton in 1877, and in 1892 his son, Mr. A. E. Atherton, was admitted. Mr. A. S. Atherton is a native of Richmond, N. H., and is one of our most prominent townsmen, having been a selectman for one term and served in the Massachusetts Legislature for two terms from Wakefield and one term from Warwick, and served during the war as Captain of Co. L, N. H. Volunteers. The long standing of the house accounts for the large business done, and we venture to say that no grocery store in town boasts of a more varied and plentiful stock to choose from than the one carried by this house. The premises occupied are located at 34 Albion Street and comprise two floors, each 60x32 feet in dimensions. Four competent and courteous assistants are employed, who render prompt and faithful service. All orders are dispatched with commendable alacrity and delivered to any part of the town. Messrs. Atherton & Son are dealers in Groceries, Grain and Flour, together with a full line of Crockery, while the satisfaction which one experiences in trading with an establishment handling none but dependable goods makes it amply worth while to seek such an institution.

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RICHARD BRITTON, Dealer in Boots, Shoes and Rubbers, 443 Main Street, Wakefield, Mass.—To one at all fastidious as to what kind of footwear should be worn, it is very necessary to visit an establishment carrying a large stock, when it becomes advisable to replenish one's supply of boots or shoes, for it is only from a large stock that a fastidious person can choose just what is suited to his or her tastes. The assortment should of course be varied also, and, in short, it should be such as can only be selected by those who are determined to cater to the best class of trade. Doubtless it is largely owing to the enterprise shown in this direction that the establishment now conducted by Mr. Richard Britton has built up so large a patronage, for it has met with exceptional success since its inception. Business was started by Mr. Nathaniel Clark in 1871, and he was succeeded by the present proprietor in 1875, who is well known in both the social and trade circles of Wakefield, having held many offices, and being a selectman, overseer of the poor, assessor, tax collector, road commissioner and auditor, and for two years in the House and one in the Senate of Massachusetts. The premises occupied are located at No. 443 Main Street, and comprise one floor 75x24 feet in dimensions. The stock on hand must be seen in order to be appreciated, for it is made up of new, fresh and stylish goods. The Boots, Shoes and Rubbers sold by Mr. Britton are put at the lowest figures, and repairing is also done. Three competent assistants are employed.

AARON BUTLER, Dealer in Variety Goods, Confectionery and Cigars, Butler's Block, 434 Main Street, Opposite Post Office, Wakefield, Mass.—To give anything of a list of the various lines that constitute the stock of such a variety store as that conducted by Mr. Aaron Butler, at above address, would exhaust more space than could be given in this brief review, suffice it to say it includes an endless variety of Toys and Small Wares, together with a fine assortment of Confectionery and Fruits in their season. In the choice of confectionery some care should be exercised to assure that they are pure, and as good a way as any is to buy from those handling only such goods as are guaranteed in every way. Mr. Aaron Butler has gained a high reputation since he opened his establishment here in 1859, and we would advise every lover of good candy to give him a call. The assortment on hand in each department is varied and the prices are sure to prove satisfactory. Mr. Butler also deals in Stationery, Tobacco, Cigars and Smokers' Articles. Both lines of goods are the best the market affords. This gentleman is a native of Lynnfield, Mass., and is well known in this town for his upright dealing. The premises utilized are located at No. 434 Main Street, in Butler's Block, opposite the Post Office, and comprises one floor 40 x 22 feet in dimensions. Two competent and reliable assistants are employed and all callers are treated with courtesy and politeness.

GEO. H. HATHAWAY, Liverv, Sale and Boarding Stable. Carriages Meet All Trains. Furniture Moving. Repairing in all its Branches Neatly Done. Interfering Boots a Specialty. Mechanic Street.—The average man who depends on livery stables to furnish him with the means of riding does not desire or expect that he will be furnished with animals equal to Maud S. or Goldsmith Maid, but what he does want is a horse that will road from eight to ten miles an hour for a reasonable distance, without having to be so constantly and vigorously urged that driving becomes a task rather than a pleasure. Of course there are some men who are never satisfied, no matter how superior the accommodations at their command; but the majority are more reasonable, and as a proof of this, notice the success attained by Mr. Geo. H. Hathaway, since he became identified with his present business in 1881. He keeps a Livery, Sale and Boarding Stable, supplying Hacks and Carriages for Parties, Weddings and Funerals, while "Hathaway's Carriages" can be found at all railroad trains on arrival. Furniture moving is also done carefully and

on reasonable terms. The stable is centrally located on Mechanic Street and measures 60x100 feet, being roomy and well-ventilated. All who wish to avail themselves of its advantages by patronizing this establishment will find the best of care and food for their animals; in fact, everything required to constitute a first-class Livery and Boarding Stable can here be found. Mr. Hathaway, who is a native of Maine, is also a dealer in custom made harness and horse furnishing goods, having always a fine stock on hand to select from and at low prices.

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DESCRIPTIVE SKETCH OF STONEHAM.



FEBRUARY 7th, 1632, it rained. We know that because it is recorded that on that day Governor Winthrop and others visited Spot Pond and Bear Hill "from which there is a fair prospect, but it being then close and rainy, they could see but a short distance." The beautiful sheet of water was named "Spot Pond" because it contained "some islands of about one acre, and very thick with trees of pine and birch, and divers small rocks standing up in it,"

and with equal felicity the exploring party named the north part of Bear Hill "Cheese Rock," because "when they went there to eat somewhat they had only cheese, because of the Governor's man forgetting for haste to put up some bread." Happily the name "Cheese Rock" has long since been forgotten, and it would have been well if the name "Spot Pond" had also been succeeded by one more fitting, for that trivial name is utterly unworthy of one of the largest and most picturesque ponds in the beautiful "Bay State." Governor Winthrop and his companions were the first white men who visited the territory which was destined to become a part of Stoneham, and it is not known exactly when the first permanent settlement was made within the limits of the future town, but it was probably not until many years after the Governor's visit, for nearly half a century later, or in 1678, the only inhabitants were Thomas Gery, John Gould, Sr., John Gould, Jr., William Rogers, Thomas Cutler and Matthew Smith. The birth of Stoneham may be said to have occurred in 1725, for it was then that the town was incorporated, it having previously been a part of Charlestown, bearing the significant title of "Charlestown End." But it was more truly a part of Reading than of Charlestown, although within Charlestown's limits, for the early settlements were made in the northeast part of the town so as to secure the advantages arising from the comparative nearness of the meeting house and block house of Reading (now Wakefield), as the great distance of the Charlestown meeting house and the absence of roads made it practically inaccessible to the residents of Charlestown End.

The early growth of the community was very slow and consequently many years elapsed before the members of it felt justified in asking to be separated from the parent town, but as the people of Reading naturally objected to continuously sharing the benefits of their public institutions with neighbors who did not contribute anything towards their support, and as the people of Charlestown End thought it wrong for them to help to pay for institutions in Charlestown that they could not make use of, they asked the town to release them, but the request was refused. The General Court was then appealed to, and the result was that in December, 1725, there was "set off and constituted a separate township by the name of Stoneham."

The first town meeting was held December 24th, 1725, and it was then voted to obtain a minister and to make arrangements for the building of a meeting house. At that time there were not more than fifty houses in the entire town, and these were so scattered about that even the beginning of a village was not visible. The taxable male inhabitants numbered sixty-five and the total population was probably about two hundred and seventy-five. For more than a century following her incorporation Stoneham was essentially an agricultural community, and practically the only industries carried on were those required by local needs, the townspeople being truly self-supporting, as they built their own houses, made their own clothing,—fabric and all,—sup-

plied themselves with food, provided religious teaching and "common schooling," and, in short formed a truly independent community that was able and willing to take care of itself, and had neither the time nor the inclination to bother over the affairs of its neighbors. There was no "aristocracy" here. Stoneham always has been (and, let us hope, always will be) a town where people "work for a living" and are not a bit ashamed of it. It has always been a social place, and to-day probably has more societies in proportion to population than any other town in the



MAIN STREET, FROM MAPLE AVE., LOOKING SOUTH.

State, but "business before pleasure" may be called a typical Stoneham motto, and it is a noteworthy fact that the development of the town, past and present, has been and is brought about by local enterprise and industry, and not by the use of outside capital and energy.

But, although not dependent upon outside help, Stoneham has never forgotten that it is her duty to render help to the country as a whole when assistance is required, and the military record of the town is one of which the older residents may well be proud, for it affords the best possible evidence that Stoneham people have the courage of their convictions, and will fight hard and spend money freely in supporting the government that controls the nation. But there is a difference between control and abuse, and, although the townsmen showed loyalty to the king by their action in the wars preceding the Revolution, they were prompt to resent the abuses which brought about the war, and by the liberal use of powder and lead they emphasized their opinions on the subject of taxation without representation.

The company of Stoneham minute-men included nearly every man in town who was fit for service, and their first call was given February 27th, 1775, when they set out for Salem to help repel an attempt by the British troops to seize some cannon there, but they did not march far, as they learned that the British had been driven off and had returned to Boston.

This company put in an appearance at Lexington, April 19th, in time to materially assist in convincing the redcoats that they had an urgent engagement in Charlestown, and the Stoneham



CENTRAL SQUARE, STONEHAM.

men not only joined in the pursuit of them, but also in the besieging of them, some of the Stoneham Company being credited with three weeks' service. The muster rolls show that Stoneham furnished ninety-eight men during the Revolution,—a large number considering the population of the town,—and the town expended a great deal of money for ammunition, supplies, bounties, and other "discouragers of hesitancy" in the progress of the patriot's cause. Some idea of the meagreness of the resources from which the town had to draw may be obtained from the simple statement that about the close of the war there were only seventy-five dwelling houses and but eighty-seven rateable polls in all Stoneham. The progress of the town was very slow, and it was very difficult to carry the burden which the Revolution had imposed upon it, but still the people did not shrink from bearing their share of the expense of securing and maintaining freedom, and Stoneham was prompt in the furnishing of men and money for the carrying on of the second war with England, the War of 1812. Even during the long era of peace which followed that struggle, the wealth and population of Stoneham increased but little; although shoe manufacturing became quite an important industry as early as 1837, the work being done almost entirely by hand and in little shops or in the homes of the workmen.

During the year ending April 1st, 1847, there were manufactured 380,100 pairs of shoes, and their average value was less than half a dollar a pair, the total valuation being \$184,717.

As this industry developed, the town began to steadily increase in population, and the changed conditions caused various and radical changes in the methods of living. The present town house was built in 1847, and for some years a portion of it was used by the High School, which was carried on there until a short time before the completion of the present High School building. In 1851, \$16,000 was expended in the building of five school houses, and at that time may be said to have begun the carrying out of the liberal policy which has given Stoneham an enviable reputation as a town that spares no reasonable expense in providing a comprehensive education. The Public Library was established in 1859 by the consolidation of three small libraries.

It would seem as if a people who had just fairly entered upon an era of prosperity and had provided liberally for the educational and social needs of the community would be reluctant to engage in a war involving unknown danger and expense, but the people of Stoneham were among the first to take a hand in the putting down of the Rebellion, and they were as steadfast as they were prompt, no town furnishing a larger number of men in proportion to population. It has often been cited as a remarkable coincidence that the Stoneham minute-men took part in the first battle of the Revolution, April 19th, 1775, and a Stoneham company was engaged in the first skirmish of the Rebellion, April 19th, 1861.

The Stoneham Light Infantry was Company C. of the Seventh Regiment, and Captain Dike went to the State House and asked permission to call out his company in response to President Lincoln's call for 75,000 volunteers. The permission was given, and two days later the company was fighting a mob in Baltimore and forcing its way to Washington. Nearly five hundred men were furnished by Stoneham during the Rebellion, and a large proportion of her representatives participated in the most active and aggressive campaigns of the war.

At this time—during the Rebellion, and for five or six years after its close—Stoneham was one of the most rapidly growing towns in the State, and her population increased faster than that of any other community in Middlesex County, with the exception of Cambridge and Somerville. This was due to the enormous demand for manufactured articles, and also to the advantages offered by greatly improved facilities for transportation, as the wagons and stage coaches that had thus far furnished the only means of transportation had been succeeded by the Boston and Maine Railroad, running through the eastern portion of the town, and the Stoneham Branch Railroad, connecting with the Boston and Lowell at East Woburn.

The "reign of machinery" had commenced. Hand labor was being succeeded by machine work; horses by locomotives, and country roads by railroads. And now that we have very briefly sketched the origin and development of the Stoneham of the past, let us give a few facts relating to the Stoneham of the present.

MODERN STONEHAM.

A collection of facts and figures is always decidedly dry reading, and as we wish to make this sketch of one of the most beautiful of Boston's lovely suburban towns not only instructive but interesting, we will refrain as much as possible from the use of statistics and attempt merely an informal and brief description of a town that must be visited and studied to be appreciated, and offers so many advantages as a place of residence that it is destined to double its population during the next decade. And this great increase in population is not to be brought about by the introduction of new industries, or the rapid development of those now established here, but by the public appreciation of the residential advantages and the improvement in transportation facilities which will make Stoneham a part of "the Greater Boston." In 1880, the population of Stoneham was 4,890; in 1885, it was 5,659; in 1890, it was 6,155, and now, in 1893, it is

about 6,400. These figures show a steady increase, but its amount is but an earnest of what may reasonably be expected in the near future, for the growth of the town has been hindered by one of the most serious of all hindrances—unsatisfactory transportation facilities, and as these facilities have been greatly improved, and plans are now being carried out that will make Stoneham as easily accessible as the most favored of the neighboring cities and towns, there is every reason to believe that the Stoneham of 1900 will have a population closely approaching the ten-thousand mark.

And now, in spite of our promise to avoid the introduction of formidable “facts and figures,” we must beg the indulgence of our readers while we present a few points relating to the location and arrangement of our town, for these certainly have a most important bearing upon its advantages as a place of residence.

The township is about four miles long from north to south, and about one and three-quarter miles wide from east to west, and is located a little to the west of north of Boston, it being bounded on the north by Reading, on the east by Wakefield and Melrose, on the south by Medford, and on the west by Winchester and Woburn. The southern half of the township is occupied by beautiful Spot Pond and the famous Middlesex Fells, and about one-third of the northern half is occupied by industrial establishments, stores, public buildings and residences,—this portion of course being “the village,”—and the rest is utilized for residential purposes, farming, market gardening and floriculture. Of course this statement is merely a meagre outline of the arrangement of Stoneham, makes no pretensions to absolute accuracy, and seeks only to give a general idea of the laying out of the town, for that is so peculiar that it is understood by very few who are not residents, and the result is that many who have visited but one part of Stoneham form an entirely erroneous idea of the place.

Visitors to “The Fells” region, for instance, if they pass through Main Street, along the west shore of Spot Pond, and are told that they are in Stoneham, will probably rank Stoneham among towns whose houses are few and far between and whose scenery is wild and beautiful. Let them pass along Pond and Wyoming Streets on the east side of the Pond and they will think themselves to be in a town where beautiful country residences, spacious lawns and admirably kept roads arched by noble shade trees are to be found on every side. Should they come to Stoneham by the steam railway and stroll about the village, they would form the idea that Stoneham was a busy and thoroughly wide-awake town, that had large and prosperous factories, spacious and well-equipped business blocks, a goodly number of churches, excellent streets and still more excellent sidewalks. Not far away from the business centre they would find many attractive estates and not a few mansions, so located as to command a comprehensive view of the surrounding country, and yet not on hills so high or so steep as to be difficult to surmount.

All of the impressions which we have noted would, of course, be thoroughly justified by the facts so far as the section under observation was concerned, but equally, of course, they would give one but an imperfect idea of what Stoneham really is unless it was understood that these widely different sections were within the comparatively narrow limits of the town. And that is the main reason why Stoneham can safely depend upon becoming a very popular place of residence now that she has been rendered much more accessible, for the advantages offered are so varied as well as so pronounced that to use a somewhat hackneyed expression—“all tastes can be suited and all purses accommodated.”

RAILWAY FACILITIES.

The steam railroad service to and from Stoneham is furnished by the "Southern Division" of the Boston and Maine Railroad, or rather by what everybody but the advertising agent of that whole-souled corporation calls the "Boston and Lowell" Railroad, as that was its legal title before it was annexed to the Boston and Maine system a few years ago. In traveling to Stoneham from Boston you pass over the main line of the Lowell Road until Montvale Station in East Woburn is reached, and thence over the Stoneham Branch through East Woburn and Stoneham to the terminus of the line in the business centre of the town. The Stoneham depot is just eight and one half miles from the City Hall in Boston in a direct line, but by rail it is twelve and one half miles from the Lowell depot in Boston, so it is hardly necessary to add that a somewhat circuitous course is followed. This is due chiefly to the unevenness of the surface of the land along the line of the road, and in this connection it is pertinent to note that although there is a mile and a quarter of steam railroad in Stoneham, it is but half a mile in a direct line from its terminus to the point where it leaves the town. But "it's an ill wind that blows nobody good," and the addition of distance to travel is more than compensated for by the advantages arising from a railroad that traverses all the thickly settled portion of the town, and maintains four stations instead of the one, or at the most the two, were the course direct.

The hills and vales of Stoneham and vicinity interfere somewhat with "rapid transit" no doubt, but they make this one of the most beautiful and healthful parts of the State, and the residents of this section would most certainly not do away with them even if they could, especially as the advent of electric railways has solved the rapid transit problem and rendered quick traveling up and down hill as practicable as on level ground. They are doing much also to help solve the problem of how to secure the best possible steam railway facilities, for the furnishing of public transportation is no longer a monopoly, and the steam railway companies are beginning to show most remarkable activity in improving their accommodations, so that their former passengers will not forsake them for the electric cars. A few years ago the residents of Stoneham asked the management of Boston and Maine to extend the Stoneham Branch to the Western Division of the road by the building of about three miles of track that would reach the main road at Melrose, greatly shorten the distance to Boston, and complete a circuit road by means of which could be furnished an ideal suburban service. After some delay the request was favorably considered, and the company consented to build the extension provided the town would take \$50,000 of the stock and sell it to the railroad at a nominal price. With characteristic public spirit the people of Stoneham were almost unanimously in favor of accepting the proposition, but five votes being cast against it, and yet the extension was not made, for the company would not proceed in the matter, their adverse decision being chiefly due to the removal by death of the active manager of the corporation. But that circuit will be built some day, just as surely as it will be a profitable line when it is built, and we are inclined to think that before two years elapse it will be "open for business."

Two years ago there was not an electric road in Stoneham, now the Stoneham and Wakefield Company connect all the principal parts of both those towns by the operation of a road four and a half miles long; the East Middlesex Company runs cars through Stoneham to and from Woburn, Melrose, Malden, Everett and Chelsea, and arrangements have been made to furnish electric car transit to Medford, Malden and Melrose through the Fells region, and completely encircle Stoneham with street railways that will afford quick and cheap means of traveling to any community in this vicinity.

There will be a decided boom in real estate hereabouts in the near future, and the man who secures a desirable house lot in Stoneham at the low prices now prevailing will not only make a safe investment but a very profitable one. Of course care should be exercised in the choice of land to invest in just as surely as it should in the choice of any form of property for investment purposes, but intelligent investigation will soon enable any one to accurately "size up" the value



SQUARE IN FRONT OF HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING.

of realty, and there is plenty of chance in Stoneham for judicious and paying investment. Desirable land in and near the business centre of the town ranges from five to twenty-five cents per foot, and in the outlying regions even lower prices are quoted, although there are some land-owners in Stoneham so well satisfied with its prospects, and so content to wait for the coming of the time when the demand will far exceed the supply, that they quote fifty cents as the lowest price they will listen to at all. There is a very active demand in Stoneham for houses that will rent at from \$12 to \$15 per month. In such a town as this the residents who are able to pay higher rents than those quoted generally prefer to build houses of their own, but there is a constant demand for dwellings that can be rented at from \$140 to \$200 a year, and the cost of land,

erection, and taxation in Stoneham are such as to make this town a desirable field for the operations of those who recognize the wisdom of investing in real estate that will yield a moderate but reliable income.

SOME OF STONEHAM'S ADVANTAGES.

And now a few words concerning the practical advantages offered by Stoneham as a place of residence. The location is healthful, pleasant and convenient; the community is orderly, socia-

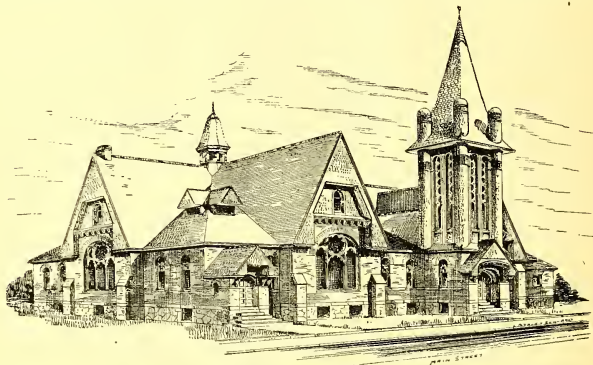


DR. A. H. COWDREY'S RESIDENCE.

ble and intelligent; the cost of living is moderate, and the stores are numerous, enterprising and well stocked, while the prices quoted will not suffer at all by comparison with those named in Boston.

The school system of Stoneham is admirable, and its work is materially assisted by the excellently managed public library, which contains more than 9,000 volumes, and is being made more efficient by the adding of new and important books every year. The religious societies of the town include the Congregational, Methodist, Episcopal, Unitarian, Baptist and Roman Catholic denominations, and each of them has a church of its own, the largest being St. Patrick's Church, a handsome wooden structure erected in 1888, and the newest being the Baptist Church, which was built in 1891, and is a tastefully designed edifice having a very pleasing and prominent location on Main Street. A Young Men's Christian Association has been maintained in Stoneham during the past ten years, and connected with the various churches are many societies that are doing excellent work, and at the same time promoting sociability as well as encouraging charity and right living.

The water supply is furnished by the Wakefield Water Co., the water being taken from Crystal Lake, which is capable of furnishing 5,000 gallons a day. The water is of exceptional purity, and doubtless is an important factor in the maintenance of Stoneham's record as one of the most beautiful towns in the State, although credit should also be given to the elevated por-



BAPTIST CHURCH, STONEHAM.

tion of the town, the character of the soil, the purity of the air, and the care taken to enforce the hygienic regulations which prevent the contamination of a naturally healthful location.

There is a complete system of fire protection, the fire department being excellently equipped, and the hydrant service being such as to render it easy to throw many powerful streams of water upon any building in the business centre of the town. There has been very little loss from fire in Stoneham of late years, for the industries carried on here are not of a dangerous character; the fire apparatus is ample and efficient, and alarms are very promptly responded to and can be given without delay from any part of the town, there being a comprehensive electric fire alarm system, and the key of each box being so placed that it can be reached at once without having to call at any house.

The principal advantages offered by Stoneham as a place of residence may be briefly summed up as follows: healthful location, beautiful scenery, low cost of land, moderate rents, pure water, gas and electric lights, excellent educational facilities, well-managed financial institutions, including a savings bank, a national bank and a co-operative bank; many religious and social societies, an excellent public library, stores where goods are sold at "Boston prices," a first-class and reliable fire service, well-kept streets, concrete sidewalks, and an admirable street car service that will soon be greatly extended. The *Independent* and the *News* are weekly family newspapers that are well edited and well supported, and, in short, no institution is wanting here that would tend to make Stoneham an excellent town in which to live. Such a place is sure to steadily and permanently increase in population, wealth and general prosperity; and even the most conservative man acquainted with the character and resources of this town will not think of denying that its future prospects are as bright as its past record is honorable.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS MEN

OF

STONEHAM.

THE STONEHAM NATIONAL BANK, Stoneham, Mass.—The national banking system of the United States is severely condemned in certain quarters, and doubtless is susceptible of improvement in some respects, but, nevertheless, it approaches as nearly to perfection as most schemes of human origin, and on the whole its record during the period of rapidly changing and peculiarly trying conditions which has elapsed since the Civil War is one of which the creators and supporters of this system way well be proud. It is much easier to criticize and condemn than to plan and construct, and evidence of this is to be found in the fact that the most severe critics of our national banks have not as a rule gained such pronounced success in the management of their private business affairs as to indicate that they are possessed of exceptional financial ability. But no matter how severe a critic of the national banking system a man might be, if he were acquainted with the facts in the case he would not be apt to deny that the Stoneham National Bank has been of great service to our local business and the general public, for such a denial could be based upon nothing but very strong prejudice, and would not be of the slightest avail, so thoroughly convinced is the community of the great value of the aid rendered by this admirably managed institution. It has a capital of \$50,000; its financial condition is excellent, and it is not only well equipped for the carrying on of a general banking business so far as its financial condition is concerned, but is managed by men who have shown on many occasions that they have an abiding faith in the town and its business men, and are prepared to show their faith by their works in every legitimate way. The officers are all well known and highly esteemed citizens both in public and in private life, and the present condition and standing of the bank afford the strongest possible endorsement of their faithfulness and ability. Charles W. Tidd is President, Charles H. Drew, Vice-President, Charles A. Bailey, Cashier, and the Board of Directors is composed of Messrs. Charles W. Tidd, Charles H. Drew, Charles Fred. Buck, Charles H. Brown, A. H. Cowdrey, Walter S. Keene, William B. Stevens, Edward F. Sanborn, Wm. D. Brackett, and Charles A. Bailey.

STONEHAM FIVE CENTS SAVINGS BANK, Stoneham, Mass.—Ever since the dawn of civilization there has been an abundance of what Horace Greeley used to call "patent schemes for making everybody rich," and of late years there has been an unusually large number of such schemes unfolded to a waiting world, but poverty has not as yet been abolished, and candor compels the statement that no apparent progress has been made towards accomplishing that end. The truth is (and it is a truth that many estimable reformers and philanthropists totally ignore), if poverty and the many evils which spring from it are to be done away with it must be by individual not by collective effort, for it is a principle of political economy no less than of theology, that each must work out his own salvation, and unless the individual members of a community be industrious, prudent and saving, poverty will exist therein, no matter how favorable the conditions may be. The question for the philanthropist to answer then is, not "How can I help these people?" but "How can I enable them to help themselves?" and a consideration of what has been and is being done by the savings banks will show the true principles on which to base operations. There is the Stoneham Five Cents Savings Bank, for instance, small in comparison with some, but solid as a rock, and possessing and deserving the implicit confidence of the people. It gives aid without the suspicion of charity; it receives small savings and invests them safely and profitably, paying as high a rate of interest as circumstances will warrant; it encourages people to work, to put aside a portion of their earnings, to form regular habits, to be law-abiding citizens, to be directly interested in the preservation of peace and in the respecting of the just rights of property,—all these things and more it does, and yet it is managed on strictly business principles, affects no man's independence and offers its services freely to all who may desire them. Such an institution reflects credit both on its managers and its patrons, and we are happy to note the prosperity and popularity of a bank which is of such benefit to the entire community. For nearly forty years it has been carried on, it having been incorporated in 1855, and the real and permanent good it has done during that time can hardly be overestimated. Identified with the Stoneham Five Cents Savings Bank are some of the most prominent citizens of the town, as will be seen by the following list of officers: Wm. B. Stevens, President; Wm. G. Fuller, A. H. Cowdrey, Vice-Presidents; Onslow Gilmore, Treasurer. Trustees: W. B. Stevens, W. G. Fuller, John Steele, Lyman Dike, F. E. Nickerson, A. H. Cowdrey, Elbridge Gerry, Isaac Swasey, Onslow Gilmore, C. E. Horne, R. L. Bowser, A. V. Lynde, Arod Gerry, J. W. Spencer, C. C. Diker.

HAMILTON HAY, Manufacturer of Boots and Shoes, Office and Factory, Montvale Avenue, Stoneham, Mass.—Stoneham has long been favorably known as a shoe manufacturing centre, but the enterprise carried on by Mr. Hamilton Hay is remarkable for no other reason than its age alone, for it was founded nearly forty years ago, in 1856, and has been successfully carried on ever since. But it is by no means one of those enterprises that depend upon what they have done in the past to ensure them success at present and in the future, on the contrary, this undertaking thrives on account of the excellence of the work it is doing to-day, and the many dealers who are handling "The Big Drive Shoe" will most heartily endorse our statement that the goods turned out at this factory are the kind to deal in if you want to build up a large and profitable trade. The business was started by Mr. Cyrus Hay, and in 1870 it came under the sole control of the present proprietor, who is a native of Stoneham and is almost universally known hereabouts. The office and factory are located on Montvale Avenue, and the premises are very thoroughly equipped with improved machinery for the manufacture of Women's, Misses' and children's Button and Lace Machine-sewed and Standard Screw Shoes. Mr. Hay is prepared to meet all honorable Competition and his goods give excellent satisfaction wherever introduced.

MAKER HOTEL,

325 Main St., - Stoneham, Mass.

W. S. MAKER, Proprietor.

After a somewhat extended traveling experience we are very much inclined to think that hotel keepers, like poets, must be born, not made, for in order to be a really successful hotel keeper a man must have the "knack" of the business born in him,—in other words there is no use in trying to keep a hotel so as to make your guests feel at home; to feed them well; to lodge them well and to satisfy them in every reasonable way, unless you have the "faculty" born in you,—and that's just the case with Mr. W. S. Maker, proprietor of the Maker Hotel, at 325 Main Street, Stoneham. He is "the right man in the right place," and under his direction the Maker Hotel is becoming one of the most popular hotels with the traveling public,—especially among commercial men, for he gives particular attention to them, and they show their appreciation of it by telling all of the fraternity to be sure and put up at the Maker Hotel when they are in Stoneham or its vicinity. This hotel is first-class in all its appointments; the rooms are large, high between joints, well ventilated and exceedingly pleasant; the cuisine is as good as the best, and board is furnished by the day or week at very moderate rates considering the nature of the accommodations. Ample assistance is employed, and the service is as prompt as it is intelligent and accommodating. The hotel is the Luther Hill Mansion remodeled and arranged for a public house, and is made into a very attractive and commodious hotel. It has a large front room for the office, while on the opposite side of the front hall are the double parlors, connected by sliding doors, the parlors are each spacious and attractively furnished. The house is divided, or quartered, by halls crossing each other at right angles so that entrance or exit is gained on all four sides of the house, so that in hot weather a current of air is obtained through the house from one side or the other. The guest rooms, as is true of all the house, are newly furnished even to the minutest details; the house is also furnished with steam heat, gas and electric bells. Ample help is employed and a specialty is made of entertaining parties, etc., with first-class eating, as also of catering for outside demands either with or without service. A stable is connected with the house, and transient teams are accommodated.

W. P. FLETCHER, Paper Box Manufacturer. Shoe Cartons a Specialty. Factory, Pleasant Street, Stoneham, Mass.—Paper box manufacturing has become a very important industry and it is still steadily increasing, for the more general good taste and culture become, the more the public prefer goods put up in convenient and attractive packages, and there is no denying that well-made paper boxes are the most convenient, attractive and satisfactory packages yet devised, while their cost is less than that of any other package yet put on the market. Of course considerable depends upon the using of the judgment when placing your order, but there is no danger in guaranteeing satisfaction to all who order from Mr. W. P. Fletcher, for he has had experience; he has a spacious and well-equipped factory, and he employs competent help, so he is in a position to turn out satisfactory goods, fill orders promptly and accurately, and quote bottom prices, and certainly no reasonable person can expect any better service from anybody. Mr. Fletcher is a native of Woburn, and has carried on his present business since 1884. His factory is on Pleasant Street, and comprises two floors and a basement, measuring 90x35 feet; the mechanical equipment being of the most improved type and including a thirty-horse boiler and an eight-horse engine, besides a full line of efficient box making machinery. A specialty is made of Shoe Cartons, and both as regards quality and price the cartons produced by Mr. Fletcher will bear the strictest comparison with those turned out at other factories.

H. C. RICHARDSON, Manufacturer of Shoe Stock, Corner Main and Union Streets, Stoneham, Mass.—Intimately connected with the shoe manufacturing business are some industries that have only in more recent years been developed as the tendency in all lines of production has been towards specialties, and a case in point is that conducted by Mr. H. C. Richardson in the manufacture of Shoe Stock, Heels, Tips, etc., for the exclusive use of the shoe manufacturers, the stock being prepared ready for the workmen to put together, and finish or make into boots and shoes with the least possible labor or waste of material; the reliability and the cost of his productions are such as recommend his factory to the manufacturers of boots and shoes. Mr. Richardson is not in the habit of waiting for business to hunt him up, but pushes for business, and although he has not carried on operations here for himself but a comparatively short time he has already developed quite a business, for every effort is made to deliver goods promptly at the time promised and the stock, etc., are just as represented every time. His place of business is at the corner of Main and Union Streets, Stoneham, Mass.

S. W. KIMBALL, Manufacturer of Protection Toe Fine Boots and Shoes, Main Street, Stoneham, Mass.—Boston Office: No 96½ Summer Street.—The business carried on by S. W. Kimball was founded in 1872, by Messrs. Kimball, Sweetser & Keene, and the senior partner assumed sole control in 1883. He was born in New Hampshire, and has certainly performed his share towards keeping up the reputation so long held by sons of the "Granite State" for industrial and mercantile ability, for the goods produced by Mr. Kimball had no superior in their special line and were furnished at prices as low as the lowest, quality considered. Since Mr. Kimball's death, over two years ago, the business has been continued by his widow, Mrs. S. M. Kimball, under the same firm name. The factory is located on Main Street, and comprises three floors and a basement, each 78x47 feet in dimensions. It is equipped with a thirty-horse boiler, a fifteen-horse engine, and a complete plant of the most improved machinery used in the various processes incidental to the manufacture of fine Boots and Shoes. The specialties of this factory are Women's, Misses' and Children's Kid, Goat, Grain, and Spring Heel Boots and Shoes; the output is by no means small in amount, employment being given to ninety assistants. The capacity of the factory is about seven hundred pairs per day. The demand for the product is reasonably constant as well as very great during the "busy season." Messrs. Winch Bros., Federal Street, Boston, are the sole agents for these goods.

F. B. JENKINS & CO.,

—STONEHAM, MASS.—

—MANUFACTURERS OF—

Women's, Misses' and Children's Goat and Kid Boots and Shoes.

COLORED GOODS A SPECIALTY.

Boston Office, 16 Lincoln Street.

The business now carried on by Messrs. F. B. Jenkins & Co. was founded in 1878. But in 1892 the present firm of F. B. Jenkins & Co. was formed, which is composed of Mr. F. B. Jenkins, who has been identified with the business since its inception and is a native of Bradford, Vt., Mr. E. M. Waitt, a native of Mass., and Mr. E. C. Jenkins, son of the senior partner and a native of Wisconsin. As manufacturers of Women's, Misses' and Children's Kid, Goat and Dull Dongola Boots and Shoes (a specialty being made of Colored Goods), this concern do a very extensive business in a good grade of goods. They operate a large factory located on Main Street, Stoneham, which comprises four floors of the dimensions of 150x30 feet; the factory is supplied with the most improved and efficient machinery; experienced and competent help is employed, and every department of the business is very carefully supervised, so it is not surprising that this firm should turn out goods of high merit, and should be in a position to meet all honorable competition in prices and to fill orders accurately and at reasonably short notice. Their Boston office is at No. 16 Lincoln Street, where a full line of samples is open to inspection, and every facility afforded for the placing of orders intelligently. They market their goods with the jobbing trade, and dealers speak very highly of the productions of this house, that they give the best of satisfaction to consumers, not only as regards style and fit, but also comfort and durability.

WM. F. GORDON, Druggist and Apothecary, No. 279 Main Street, Stoneham, Mass.—“The proof of the pudding is in the eating,” and with equal truth it may be said that the proof of Mr. Wm. F. Gordon's competency and fitness to conduct a first-class pharmacy is to be found in the enviable record he has made in this capacity during the twenty-two years he has carried on operations here. The business was established in 1861, by Dr. T. G. Durkee, and after he was succeeded by Dr. T. O. Richardson, in 1871 it came under the control of the present proprietor. He is a native of Boston, Mass., and makes it a rule to keep his stock of Drugs, Medicines and Chemicals constantly complete in every department, and as a consequence he is prepared to compound physicians' prescriptions of any kind without delay. He obtains his supplies from the most reliable sources, and neglects no precaution that would tend to ensure absolute accuracy to even the smallest details of prescription compounding. No fancy charges are made, the prices always being as low as is consistent with the use of the best obtainable materials. The premises occupied are located at No. 279 Main Street; they comprise one floor 40x21 feet in size, and one reliable clerk is employed to ensure prompt and careful attention to every caller. This is the oldest Drug Store in this town.

J. B. SANBORN & CO., Manufacturers of Ladies', Misses' and Children's Hand Sewed Boot sand Shoes. Also Retail Dealers in Boots, Shoes and Rubbers, Gents' Furnishing Goods, Hats, Caps and Ready Made Clothing. No. 263 Main Street, Stoneham, Mass.—The firm of J. B. Sanborn & Co. is composed of J. B. Sanborn and his son, W. Elmer Sanborn, the senior partner having for twenty years carried on operations here in Stoneham as senior member of the firm of Sanborn & Hill, who were succeeded by the present firm in 1892, and no greater praise could possibly be given their methods of doing business than that embodied in the statement that never was the firm more highly regarded by the people than is now the case. The business was founded in 1872 by Mr. Jason B. Sanborn, and in 1873 Mr. S. A. Hill was admitted to partnership, which continued until 1892, when the present firm-name was adopted. Mr. Sanborn is a native of one of the most picturesque towns in the old Granite State, Holderness, N. H., and his son, Mr. W. Elmer Sanborn, was born here in Stoneham. Both members of the firm are universally known throughout this section both in business and social circles, and Mr. Sanborn has served on the Stoneham Board of Selectmen, also as Chairman of the Board of Registration, and is President of the Co-operative Bank. The business of the concern may be divided into two parts, they being manufacturers and wholesalers of Children's Hand Sewed Boots and Shoes, and retail dealers in Boots, Shoes and Rubbers, Gents' Furnishing Goods, Hats, Caps and Ready Made Clothing. Their store is located at No. 263 Main Street, and is 50x26 feet in dimensions, a large and varied stock being carried and reliable goods being offered for sale at really bottom prices, so the popularity of the establishment is not at all difficult to account for. The manufacture of Women's, Misses' and Children's Handsome Oxfords Ties is a comparatively recent department of the firm's business, and these goods are highly appreciated, as they combine beauty, style, comfort and lowness of price.

J. L. PATCHETT, Machinist. General Repairing of Machinery Promptly Attended to. Shop, Corner Main and Maple Streets, Stoneham, Mass. P. O. Box 908.—Every experienced and competent machinist will agree that, as a rule, repairing is the most difficult of all mechanical work, for it calls for far more ingenuity, skill and practical experience than does the manufacture of anything in these days, when almost all manufacturing is done by machinery alone. But, of course, the machinery is apt to break down in one part or another, and right here is where the value of having a skillful and reliable machinist available is made manifest, for “time is money,” and much valuable time can be saved by having your machinery repaired promptly as well as satisfactorily. Mr. J. L. Patchett makes a specialty of the general repairing of machinery, and as he has a well-equipped shop, employs three efficient assistants and gives personal attention to the filling of orders, he can do such work promptly, durably and at reasonable rates. He is a native of Yorkshire, England, and has carried on his present business since 1890. His shop is at the corner of Main and Maple Streets and orders left there or mailed to P. O. Box 908 are assured immediate and painstaking attention. Mr. Patchett has executed some important commissions in this vicinity, and local manufacturers speak in the highest terms of his skill and reliability.

W. C. WHITCHER, Dealer in Fine Groceries, Flour, Grain, Hay and Straw. Fine Vermont Butter a Specialty. Teas and Coffees, Crockery, Glassware, Etc., No. 252 Main Street, Stoneham, Mass.—Seventeen years have elapsed since the inauguration of the enterprise now conducted by Mr. W. C. Whitcher, operations having been begun by Messrs. Whitcher Bros. in 1876, and they being succeeded by the present proprietor in 1888. The premises occupied are located at No. 252 Main Street, and comprise one floor 24x60 feet in dimensions, the store being conveniently fitted up, and sufficiently spacious to accommodate a very complete and desirable stock of fine Groceries of every description. Mr. Whitcher, who is a native of Benton, N. H., is one of the best known of our local business men, and is now serving his third year as President of the Stoneham Board of Trade, being also one of the Vice-Presidents of the State Board of Trade. He is also a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, having long occupied an official position in the same. In business his straightforward methods have made his establishment popular among all classes in the community, for he has always made a specialty of keeping pure, unadulterated goods irrespective of cost. He is a careful and experienced buyer, and is content with a legitimate margin of profit. His Grocery, Flour, Grain, Hay and Straw Trade is a leading feature of the business. Teas, Coffees, Crockery and Glassware are dealt in, while a specialty is made of Fine Vermont Butter, also Maple Sugar and Syrup in its season. Competent assistants are employed, and no trouble is spared to ensure the prompt and accurate filling of orders. Space forbids mention of the stock in detail, but suffice it to say it is complete in every department, and is composed of goods that can be confidently guaranteed to prove just as represented.

STONEHAM LUMBER CO., Wholesale and Retail Dealers, Pomeworth Street, Stoneham, Mass.—The business was founded some years ago and was formerly conducted under the firm name of Jewitt & Cate. The present proprietor, Mr. W. O. Chamberlin, who was in their employ, bought out the firm's interest and is now sole proprietor, the business being conducted under the name of Stoneham Lumber Co. A thriving business is done in the sale of Lumber, both at wholesale and retail. Mr. Chamberlin has had exceptional advantages in the line of experience in the lumber trade. A New Hampshire man by birth, he early entered the office of the Beaver Lumber Co., of Yamachiche, Canada, Province of Quebec, as bookkeeper, where he remained five years; this company employed about a thousand hands, and hence their business was very extensive. Since then Mr. Chamberlin has been foreman of Worcester and Boston lumber yards for a period of eight years, and came to Stoneham in May, 1887, and entered the employ of Messrs. Jewitt & Cate, as before noted, so that it is not surprising that Mr. Chamberlin should be able to make the Stoneham Lumber Co. prominent in the list of successful enterprises in this city. He gives the details of his business close personal supervision, which insures a service that is appreciated by his numerous patrons. Prices are regulated by the lowest market rates, and satisfaction guaranteed.

G. W. NEWHALL & SON, Manufacturers of Child's Spring Heel, M. S. Button Boots, Oxfords in Bright Dongolas and Colors; Shoe Trimmings. Specialty of Tennis Trimmings. Corner of Main and Maple Streets, Stoneham, Mass.—It is generally known, even among those not at all connected with the business, that shoe manufacturing is divided up into specialties, and that the really wonderfully low prices at which footwear is now sold are due in a great measure to the cheapness of production made possible by this minute division of the industry. One of the most important divisions of it is that carried on by Messrs. G. W. Newhall & Son, for they are manufacturers of Shoe Trimmings in general and Tennis Trimmings in particular, and they succeed in turning out very satisfactory goods at very reasonable prices. They have recently added to their business the manufacture of Child's Spring Heel, M. S. Button Boots and Oxfords in Bright Dongolas and Colors. This firm was formed in 1889, and is made up of Mr. George W. Newhall, a native of East Bridgewater, Mass., and Mr. Arthur N. Newhall, a native of Appleton, Me. The factory is located at the corner of Main and Maple Streets, and is fitted up with improved machinery, the capacity of the plant being such as to enable orders to generally be filled at short notice when haste is desired. Care is used in the selection of stock and the supervision of affairs, and shoe manufacturers speak very highly of the products of this establishment. The Boots and Oxfords they are producing are meeting a most complimentary sale, and promise to be a very important factor in this already important enterprise.

CHAS. H. WALKER, Dealer in Coal and Wood, Hay, Lime and Cement; Yard, Pleasant Street, near Pleasant Street Station, Stoneham, Mass. Orders left at Sauborn and Hill's Will Receive Prompt Attention.—A house dealing in such bulky materials as Coal, Wood and Lime, etc., has need of extensive storage and delivery facilities in order to afford a strictly first class service, and there is no doubt but that the leading position held by Mr. Chas. H. Walker is due to a considerable extent to his utilization of premises that enable him to carry a heavy stock, and the control of facilities which puts him in a position to fill large and small orders promptly and accurately at all times. Mr. Walker is a native of Fryeburg, Maine, and started this undertaking here in 1891. The premises utilized comprise one large shed and yard capable of holding 1,500 tons of Coal and a stock of Wood, Hay, Lime, Straw and Cement, etc., and located on Pleasant Street, near the railroad station, as is also the office, and all orders left here are assured prompt and careful attention, employment being given to two competent assistants. Bottom prices are quoted on all the goods handled, and those dealing with this house have the satisfaction of knowing that all articles are sold on their merits, and will prove as represented in every respect, so that the large retail business now done keeps steadily increasing.

WHITE & HANSCOM, Manufacturers of Taps, Heels, Flexible Innersoles, Etc., Spring Heels a Specialty, Hancock Street, Stoneham, Mass.—The enterprise carried on by Messrs. White & Hanscom is certainly entitled to favorable mention in a review of Stoneham's industrial undertakings, for the manufacture of boots and shoes is very generally known to be the representative industry of the town, and as a manufacturer of Taps, Innersoles and Heels this firm is unquestionably closely connected with that industry. Mr. White is a native of Vermont, and Mr. Hanscom of Stoneham. Mr. White has carried on operations here in Stoneham since 1881, and in February, 1893, Mr. Hanscom entered the firm, under the present style name. Their shop is located on Hancock Street, is well fitted up for the production of Taps, Innersoles and Heels in general, and of Spring-Heels in particular, for they make a specialty of the latter and have built up an excellent reputation for supplying satisfactory goods at bottom prices. Orders addressed to Post Office Box 420 are assured immediate and careful attention, and it is worthy of note that although employing competent assistance, the partners give personal attention to the execution of all commissions.

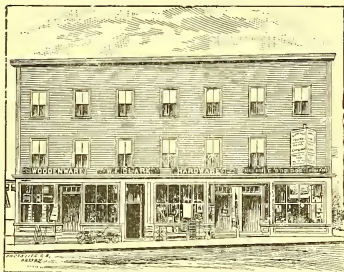
SIDNEY A. HILL,
MANUFACTURER OF
Ladies' Misses' and Children's Hand Sewed
BOOTS AND SHOES,
 ALSO RETAIL DEALER IN
Boots, Shoes and Rubbers,
No. 276 Main Street, Stoneham, Mass.

W. H. WEED & CO., Prescription Druggist, Corner Main and Central Streets, Stoneham, Mass.—No argument is necessary to establish the fact that a well-stocked and well-managed pharmacy is a distinct and decided benefit, for it is obvious that a place at which physicians' prescriptions will be promptly and accurately compounded from pure and fresh ingredients is second in usefulness only to the physician himself. Hence the establishment conducted by Messrs. W. H. Weed & Co., on the corner of Main and Central Streets, is well deserving of the popular support accorded it, for it is a thoroughly first-class pharmacy, at which special attention is given to the Compounding of Prescriptions, and where so large a stock of Drugs, Medicines and Chemicals is carried that all orders can be filled without delay. This business was established in 1889 by the present proprietors, who are Messrs. Wm. H. Weed, a native of this town, and S. W. Townsend, a native of New Hampshire; both of whom are well and favorably known in this locality. The premises occupied comprise one floor 35x25 feet in size, and in addition to the stock of Drugs, a fine assortment of Toilet Articles, Druggists' Sundries, Tobacco and Cigars are on hand to choose from, and low prices are quoted in every department of the business.

H. P. HOWE, Domestic Bakery, Cake and Pastry, Central Street, Opposite Winter, Stoneham, Mass.—There can be no possible doubt of the usefulness of such an establishment as the Domestic Bakery, for in such a town as Stoneham there are many families that find it much more economical and convenient to purchase bread, cake, pastry, etc., than to make them at home, and the goods furnished at this popular Bakery are carefully manufactured from the best obtainable materials, and are consequently palatable, healthful and satisfying to the most fastidious tastes. The business was founded in 1888 by Mr. H. P. Howe, the present proprietor. He is a native of New Hampshire, is thoroughly familiar with his present undertaking and gives its many details close personal supervision. The premises occupied are located on No. 49 Central Street, opposite Winter, and comprise one floor 20x20 feet and a bakery 20x30 feet in dimensions. Bread, Cake, Pastry and Pies, etc., are largely dealt in, a leading specialty being made of Hot Biscuits every evening and Brown Bread and Baked Beans every Sunday morning. Two experienced assistants are employed and a large retail business is done, while the most extensive orders can be filled at short notice. The productions of the Domestic Bakery have a high and well deserved reputation.

E. A. DURGIN, Dealer in Boots, Shoes and Rubbers, Repairing Neatly Done at Short Notice, Main Street (Next Door to Post Office), Stoneham, Mass.—The general appearance of a person depends greatly upon the character of the footwear, and it is conceded by the most careful buyers that perfect fitting and well-made shoes are the cheapest in the long run owing to their superior durability. It is not necessary to pay fancy prices in order to obtain high grade footwear, and those who believe otherwise should visit the store conducted by Mr. E. A. Durgin, on Main Street, next door to the Post Office. He is a native of Oxford County, Me., and began operations here in 1883. He deals in Boots, Shoes and Rubbers of every description, and makes a practice of selling at the lowest margin of profit, doing a strictly retail business. The premises occupied comprise one floor 18x30 feet in dimensions, and the stock is complete in every department. A competent assistant is employed, and all customers are served promptly and courteously, while no misrepresentations are made of any kind. Mr. Durgin is a veteran of the late war, having served about three years, his first enlistment being in the 2d Company of Sharp Shooters attached to Wilson's 22d Regiment, Massachusetts Infantry. He is a member of the G. A. R.

R. ERVIN, Horse Shoeing and Jobbing, Main Street, Stoneham, Mass.—There is no need of telling the residents of Stoneham and vicinity that Mr. R. Ervin is an experienced and skillful Horse Shoer, for they have had ample opportunity to find that out for themselves during the sixteen years that he has carried on operations here. but as the most of the circulation of this book will be out of town, and as it will be read by many of the summer tourists who travel this way, and who frequently have occasion for the services of a competent horse shoer and carriage repairer, we feel that we are doing many of our readers a service in calling their attention to Mr. Ervin's facilities, for he does first-class work at short notice and at low rates. He is a skillful Horse Shoer and gives special attention to interfering and over-reaching. He began business here in 1877, and his shop occupies one building 30x20 feet in dimensions on Main Street, and is fitted up with all necessary appliances, while one competent assistant is employed to ensure the prompt filling of all orders. New work will be done to order at moderate rates, and particular attention is given to repairing, it being neatly, durably and promptly done at uniformly reasonable prices, as the proprietor gives his personal attention to all work before leaving his shop.



W. E. CLARK, Hardware and Department Stores, Crockery, Glassware, Tinware, Toys, Hardware, Paints, Oils and Varnish, Nos. 4 and 6 Franklin Street, and No. 227 Main Street, Stoneham, Mass.—It is not for us to decide which of the two establishments carried on by Mr. W. E. Clark is the most important, and indeed it would be difficult for any one to render an acceptable decision in that case, for the hardware store has many advantages of its own, and the department store also offers many inducements to careful buyers; but there is no doubt that each of these establishments is a leader in its special line, and that is the main thing to be considered, after all. The hardware store is located at Nos. 4 and 6 Franklin Street, and the premises are spacious and well equipped, they comprising one floor and a basement measuring 48x57 feet, and being supplied with all facilities for the proper storage and prompt and accurate handling of the heavy stock that is constantly carried. It includes full lines of Builders' Hardware, Woodenware, Children's Wagons and Carts, Paints, Oils, Varnishes and Brushes, together with the numerous "sundries" one expects to find in a first-class modern hardware store; and as the productions of the most reputable manufacturers are handled, the goods will not suffer at all by comparison with any in the market. The department store is located at No. 227 Main Street, and comprises one floor and a basement of the dimensions of 30x60 feet. This is, as its name indicates, a sort of modernized "general" store. You can buy almost anything herein the way of Crockery, Glassware, Toys, Tinware, Kitchen Ironware, Lamps, Toilet Articles, Fancy Goods, Stationery, etc., and what is more, you can buy it at the lowest market rates and can depend upon its proving just as represented in every respect. Of course this store is popular; it is a "family" store in the true sense of the word, for the family supplies carried in stock are almost endless in variety, and it is so managed that any member of the family, young or old, can buy here and be assured prompt and careful attention and reliable goods at bottom prices. The proprietor is a native of Derry, N. H., and has carried on business in Stoneham since 1883. Considering the magnitude and importance of his business interests, it is hardly necessary to say that Mr. Clark is one of the best-known and most progressive of our local business men, and has done much to add to the town's many advantages as a place of residence.

HARRY E. HERSAM, Manufacturer of Dies, Cutting Dies of all Descriptions Made, Repaired, Altered and Ground, Factory, Corner Maple and Main Streets, Stoneham, Mass.—It may not be always the case with all goods that "the best is the cheapest," but it certainly is so far as cutting dies is concerned, and those who have occasion to use them say that that is the principal reason why they think so highly of the productions of Mr. Harry E. Hersam, they are in every respect fully equal to the very best cutting dies the market affords, and hence they are as "cheap as the cheapest" to use, as their first cost is moderate, and besides, they hold their edge well, wear well, do good work and can be safely depended upon in every way. Mr. Hersam is very widely known hereabouts for he was born in Stoneham, and has carried on his present enterprise since 1889. His factory is on the corner of Maple and Main Streets, and is fitted up with all necessary machinery for the manufacture of dies. Mr. Hersam is prepared to make, repair, alter and grind Cutting Dies of every description, and he employs sufficient assistance and has sufficient facilities to enable him to fill orders promptly as well as carefully and accurately. No fancy charges are made for any of the work done at this shop, and considering the quality of the stock and the workmanship the prices quoted are low enough to suit even the most economically disposed.

C. M. BOYCE & SON, Livery, Hack, Boarding and Baiting Stable. Telephone, 11—4—. Head of Pleasant Street, Stoneham, Mass.—Mr. C. M. Boyce is a native of Londonderry, N. H., but has resided in Stoneham for so long a time that he may be called a son of Massachusetts by adoption if not by birth. At all events, he is almost universally known throughout this town and vicinity, and it is not at all surprising that such is the case, for he has carried on business here for about thirty years and is now senior proprietor of a Livery, Hack, Boarding and Baiting Stable, his son, Mr. Chas. S. Boyce, having been admitted to the firm recently. The stable is at the head of Pleasant Street, on Maine Street. They don't put on a great deal of style, but they give you excellent value for every cent you are asked to pay out, and that's what suits the people. Mr. Boyce began operations in Stoneham in 1863, but opened the stable in 1888, carrying it on alone until 1891, when the present firm was formed. This is a place where you can hire a team, board or bait a horse, and no matter which of those you do, you can depend upon being satisfied if you appreciate good accommodations and moderate prices. The livery teams are presentable anywhere and the horses are good and safe to drive; the hacking service is also worthy of commendation, the teams being good and the drivers careful and well informed. The stable has telephone connection—call 11—4—, and all orders are assured prompt and careful attention.



ALBERT S. HOVEY,

—: DEALER IN:—

GROCERIES, :- PROVISIONS, :- MEATS,
FLOUR AND GRAIN.

63 FRANKLIN ST., COR. OF PINE.
STONEHAM, MASS.

O. H. MARSTON, Manufacturer of Picture Frames and Dealer in Paintings in Oil and Water Colors, Artists' Materials and Art Goods, Central Square, Stoneham, Mass.—In a volume such as this, which treats of the manifold interests of Stoneham, it is evident that those branches of trade and manufacture which are dependent on the work of the artist must necessarily occupy a prominent part. Of these not the least important is the dealing in Artists' Materials and Art Goods, and to obtain those of the best quality is an important point for the artist to consider, to the end that his work shall be properly executed and finished. Mr. O. H. Marston, who is engaged in the above named business, began operations here in 1870 and occupies premises on Central Square, comprising one floor 50x24 feet and a basement 28x50 feet in size for storage and a workshop. Mr. Marston, who is a native of Sandwich, N. H., deals in Paintings in Oil and Water Colors, Artists' Materials and Art Goods, and is a manufacturer of Picture Frames of all kinds, besides dealing in Machine Findings and Tools, and making a specialty of light experimental machines. This house has become known to the trade as a prominent, substantial and trustworthy establishment; two reliable and competent assistants are employed and all callers are cordially and politely attended to.

CHESTER F. JONES, Pharmacist, Great Care Taken in the Compounding of Physicians' Prescriptions, No. 27 Central Street, Stoneham, Mass.—There are few establishments in Stoneham carrying so fine and carefully a chosen stock of Drugs and Medicines, etc., as may be found at the one conducted by Mr. Chester F. Jones, for he gives particular attention to the selection of his stock, and neglects nothing which will tend to increase the perfection of his service in this important department of his business. Mr. Jones is a native of Stoneham and inaugurated his present undertaking here in 1887. The premises occupied are located at No. 27 Central Street, comprise one floor 20x15 feet in size, and, despite the complete assortment of Drugs, etc., on hand, afford sufficient room to accommodate quite an extensive stock of Toilet and Fancy Articles, and a part of the store is occupied by the office of the Western Union Telegraph Co. A specialty is made of Physicians' Prescriptions, which are compounded with great care, every facility being at hand to aid. A fine soda fountain supplies a large trade in soda, the syrups being prepared by the proprietor. Competent and reliable assistants are employed, and this establishment is noted for the accurate and prompt manner in which all orders and patrons are served.

HARRY L. DOWNS, Farm Hill Variety Store and Lunch Room, No. 113 Central Street, Stoneham, Mass.—“All is not gold that glitters,” according to the proverb, and no doubt there is not one of our readers but what has learned from sad experience that all is not “cheap” that is claimed to be so. Indeed the word “cheap” has a very elastic meaning, and it may be so used as to convey precisely opposite ideas at different times; but take it in the sense of “below the regular rates,” or synonymous with the word “bargains,” and it applies very forcibly to the establishment conducted by Mr. Harry L. Downs, at No. 113 Central Street, for this “Farm Hill Variety Store” might have its title changed to the “Farm Hill Bargain Store and Lunch Room” without causing any false inferences to be made, for this is a “bargain store” and no mistake, the proprietor being a very careful and close buyer, and giving to his customers a generous share of the benefits thus derived. Mr. Downs, who is a native of this town, deals in Confectionery, Ice Cream and Soda, Cigars, Tobacco, Pipes, School Supplies, Pins, Silk and Braid, etc. Stationery of all kinds and Ice Cream is served by the plate or gallon. He has recently built an addition to the store to accommodate his lunch tables, where he is prepared to furnish lunches to order, and all at the lowest prices, no fancy prices being asked. He also has a laundry agency. Prompt and polite service is the rule to all callers.

WILLIAM KELLY, Custom Tailor, Dealer in Woolens, Tailors' Trimmings, Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods, Etc., Central Square, Stoneham, Mass.—With a thorough knowledge of the business, and having acquired the reputation of expert as a cutter of fashionable and artistic clothing, Mr. William Kelly has established on Central Square, what is now the popular tailoring establishment in this town. It is well arranged for the display of stock, which includes a choice assortment of Foreign and Domestic Woolens. The line of goods carried is sure to meet the wants of the most fastidious and fashionable. The stock shown by Mr. Kelly is from the best manufacturers and contains all the latest novelties. The premises occupied comprise one floor 100x16 feet in dimensions, and eight competent assistants are employed. Mr. Kelly is a native of the Isle of Man, and established his present business in 1880. He has acquired a reputation for strict attention to business, liberality in all his dealings and care in the fit and fashion of garments, while qualities are guaranteed satisfactory, this fact having much to do with the success he has attained. All work is done promptly and always when promised, and the prices are sure to prove satisfactory.

HENRY P. MARCY, UPHOLSTERER,

Furniture • Repaired, • Mattresses • Made • Over,
LOUNGES AND STUDENT CHAIRS TO ORDER,

CENTRAL STREET,

STONEHAM, MASS.

CHARLES O. CURRIER, Ph. G., Prescription Druggist, No. 45 Central Street, Stoneham, Mass.—It is impossible to have extended dealings with Mr. Charles O. Currier without feeling that he thoroughly understands his business in every detail, and indeed it is no wonder that he is so well acquainted with it, for he has had an experience of eighteen years, and is a graduate of the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy; is also a member of the Massachusetts State Pharmaceutical Association. He is a native of New Hampshire and established his Pharmacy here in 1878. He is very well known throughout Stoneham and vicinity. The premises utilized as a Drug store are located at No. 45 Central Street, and comprise one floor 25x18 feet in dimensions. A large and carefully selected stock is carried comprising Drugs, Medicines and Chemicals, besides "Currier's Soda Water," which is manufactured here by the proprietor, who employs one competent assistant, and no pains are spared to make this establishment entirely trustworthy in every respect, and to give all customers complete satisfaction. Prescriptions are compounded with the utmost care, and those who desire to feel assured that they can rely upon the manner in which their orders of this kind are filled, should by all means patronize this store, as Mr. Currier is as skillful and experienced as he is careful, and so is especially well equipped for the carrying on of work of this kind.

GEO. E. WHITEHOUSE, Dealer in Fresh, Salt and Pickled Fish, Lobsters, Clams, Etc., Franklin Street, Stoneham, Mass.—It has been well said by one who has made the subject a life study, that the sea, barren and sterile as it appears, was nevertheless capable of producing more food to the acre than any species of soil, however fertile. The great value of fish, oysters, etc., as a cheap and eminently nutritious food, has been known for many years, but by analysis, experimenting, etc., the peculiar properties of the various articles of food used by man have been ascertained. Fish has become more firmly established than ever in popular favor. Fish, to be good, must be fresh, and the best way of assuring one's self that it is supplied in that condition is to deal only with responsible and reliable establishments, such one, for instance, as that of Mr. George E. Whitehouse, now situated on Franklin Street, where may be found a large, varied and complete stock of all kinds of sea food. Mr. Whitehouse enjoys a large and prosperous trade at retail, and makes a specialty of Oysters, Clams and Lobsters, which delicacies may always be had fresh and tempting from his establishment. This business he established in 1893 and enjoys a patronage which few firms in his line of business can rival for the time it has been established. Mr. Whitehouse is a native of Stoneham, and has many friends, those who know him best being his largest and steadiest customers. He caters only for local family trade, employs one man and runs one order wagon and gives his patrons the best possible service.

J. D. PIERCE, Dealer in Groceries and Provisions, Central Street, Stoneham, Mass.—The gentleman whose card we print above has been engaged in his present line of business for eight years, as it was in 1885 that he first opened his doors to the public. Mr. J. D. Pierce is a native of Vermont, and is held in high esteem by all who know him. The premises occupied are located on Central Street, comprise one floor 40x20 feet in dimensions, and are fitted up with a carefully selected stock of fine Groceries and Provisions, Canned Goods, etc. Mr. Pierce gives particular attention to supplying family trade, and the advantages offered to those dealing with him are sufficiently pronounced to fully account for the business done. Two competent and experienced assistants are kept employed, customers being assured courteous attention and polite and fair treatment. All goods are first-class in every respect, and those wishing anything in the above-named lines of Food Supplies should patronize the establishment in question, as the prices here are as low as any in town.

MRS. G. M. CHEEVER, Millinery, No. 11 Central Square, Stoneham, Mass.—We take special pleasure in calling the attention of such of our readers as are numbered among the fair sex to the establishment conducted by Mrs. Gertrude M. Cheever, at No. 11 Central Square, Stoneham, Mass., for we are convinced that this lady is in a position to guarantee satisfaction to all who may favor her with their orders. Our reasons for holding this opinion are various and well-founded, and we are sure will be justified by the experience of those who take our advice and patronize the establishment to which we have reference. Mrs. Cheever is a native of Reading, Mass., and although she only began operations here in her present line of business in 1892, a most gratifying amount of trade has already been established, and a very select stock of fine Millinery Goods is to be seen on exhibition. The assortment contains no superannuated articles of any kind, but is made up of new, fresh and seasonable goods that are in accordance with the latest dictates of fashion, and are offered at prices considerably below those generally placed upon articles of such undeniable merit and novelty. Trimmed and Untrimmed Hats and Bonnets are exhibited in great variety, and those wishing trimming or other work done to order can have their wishes gratified at short notice, as two competent assistants are employed, and commissions are promptly and skillfully carried out, Mrs. Cheever giving close personal supervision to every detail of the work.

STONEHAM OYSTER SALOON AND RESTAURANT,

Regular Boarders and Transients Accommodated. Prices Moderate.

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Fresh Opened Oysters Served in all Styles. - - - - - Furnished Rooms to Let.

EDWARD A. HEWES, Prop.,

25 CENTRAL STREET, Opposite Central House. - - - - - STONEHAM, MASS.

MANNING & ARMSTRONG, Dealers in Dry and Fancy Goods, Stoneham, Mass.—Experienced “shoppers” do not need to be told that it is by no means always the stores which make the greatest pretensions that are most worthy of patronage, and if additional proof of this be needed it may be found in the quality of the service offered at the establishment conducted by Messrs. Manning & Armstrong at Stoneham, as compared with that extended at various other dry and fancy goods stores that could be named. A varied and very skillfully chosen stock, embracing the latest fashionable novelties, may always be found here; the prices are uniformly moderate, and callers are attended to with a promptness, courtesy and intelligence which are unfortunately as rare as they are gratifying to retail dry goods buyers. This business was established in 1887 by the present proprietors, the individual members being Wm. Manning, a native of this State, and Lorenzo Armstrong, a native of Maine. The premises occupied comprise one floor 45x24 feet and a basement 22x38 feet in dimensions; four competent and reliable assistants are employed, and we are happy to say that no store in this section of the town is more favorably spoken of by the ladies of Stoneham for the successful way in which it is conducted.

JOHN BEST, Manufacturer of Misses' and Children's Button and Lace Machine-Sewed and Standard Screw Boots and Shoes, Main Street, Stoneham, Mass.—The success met with by Mr. John Best in producing Misses and Children's Button and Lace Machine-Sewed and Standard Screw Boots and Shoes that give excellent satisfaction, both to dealers and consumers, is no doubt principally due to his giving close personal attention to the many details of their manufacture, for no other way has as yet been devised that so ensures the attainment of satisfactory results as does the personal supervision of the proprietor of an establishment. Mr. Best is a native of Boston and has carried on operations in Stoneham since 1878. His shop is located on Main Street, and is well equipped for the special class of work to which it is devoted,—the production of Misses' and Children's Button and Lace Machine-Sewed and Standard Screw Boots and Shoes, in Goat, Kid and Grain. Orders are filled accurately and promptly, and Mr. Best is in a position to quote prices in accordance with the lowest market rates on goods of the kind and grade he manufactures.

A. F. WILLEY, Dealer in Groceries, Flour and Grain. Fine Teas, Coffees and Creamery Butter a Specialty. Stores: Central Street, and Gould Street, Stoneham, Mass.—There are probably but few citizens who are not familiar with this establishment, as Mr. A. F. Willey, has carried on business for many years, having begun operations in 1875, and all who have been interested in business have marked the improvements and the increase of popularity which this house has gained since first commencing. The premises occupied are located on Central and Gould Streets, comprise one floor 100x25 feet in dimensions, and are well fitted for the uses to which they are put, being so arranged as to accommodate in a convenient manner the various articles handled. The stock is large and varied, consisting of Groceries, Flour and Grain, etc. Fine Teas, Coffees and Creamery Butter a Specialty; in fact, everything which a first-class grocery house is expected to carry and of the best quality for family use. These goods, which are sold in any desirable quantity, are selected with the excellent good judgment which this gentleman has displayed in all departments of his business. He is consequently in a position to offer the most desirable goods at as low rates as they can be purchased in town. Two reliable assistants are employed, and all orders are given prompt and careful attention.

R. S. WALTON, Successor to J. F. Dorr, Post Office Building, Main Street, Stoneham, Mass.—It is safe to assert that no more useful establishment can be found in Stoneham than that conducted by Mr. R. S. Walton, and its usefulness is by no means confined to this locality, for it has so widespread and well-deserved a reputation as a place at which Pure Drugs, Medicines and Chemicals may be obtained at reasonable rates, that many physicians practicing in neighboring towns, as well as most of the residents of the adjacent country, obtain the bulk of their medical supplies here. The business was established in 1889 by Mr. John F. Dorr, and the present proprietor assumed control in 1891. He is a registered pharmacist of twenty years' experience. The premises occupied, and located in the Post Office building, comprise one floor 56x20 feet in dimensions, and are very completely fitted up, the facilities being such as to enable all orders to be filled at very short notice, as two assistants are employed, one registered. A complete assortment of Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals, Druggists' Sundries, Cigars and Confectionery is constantly carried, the goods being obtained from the most reliable sources, and being unsurpassed for purity and freshness, as the stock is very frequently renewed. A large trade at the soda fountain is enjoyed, as only the best flavored syrups are used. Prescriptions are accurately compounded without delay, moderate charges being made in every instance. A specialty is made of “Fessenden's Worm Expeller,” which is made here; also a number of other valuable proprietary remedies.

F. W. LAWRY & CO.,

Wood Turning and Band Sawing, Stair Posts, Rails and Balusters,

GENERAL JOBBING AND MOULDING,

Cor. Main and Maple Streets, Stoneham, Mass.

The ability to do wood work in first-class style, at short notice, and at low rates is of course largely due to the control of an efficient mechanical plant, in these days when the majority of wood-working establishments in about every wide-awake section of the country are equipped with such improved and rapid working machinery that they turn out work with an accuracy and speed that would have been considered impossible a score or more of years ago; but now, as ever, experience and good management have much to do with a firm's ability to meet all honorable competition, so that the success attained by Messrs. F. W. Lawry & Co. is plainly due to their possession of all the advantages we have mentioned. The factory is located at the corner of Main and Maple Streets, and is very well equipped for the manufacture of stair posts, rails and balusters, brackets and mouldings; also of electric cross arms of all dimensions, of which this firm make a specialty. They also do general jobbing, including wood turning and band sawing in all their branches, and are prepared to quote moderate prices as well as to turn out work that is up to the standard in every respect. The business was founded in 1883 by Mr. F. W. Lawry, who now conducts the business under the present firm-name. Mr. Lawry is a native of Palmyra, Me., and is a practical workman who give personal attention to the filling of orders, so that defective work does not leave this establishment.

W. C. HOLDSWORTH, Fine Confectionery and Ice Cream, No. 259 Main Street, Stoneham, Mass.—This establishment, which ranks among the leading enterprises of its kind in this section, is one of the most popular. Confectionery of all kinds, also Ice Cream and other like commodities are manufactured and dealt in. Mr. W. C. Holdsworth, the proprietor, established the business in 1880 and to his superior skill, able management, and untiring industry is due in a great measure the progress and success which has been attained during its career. A varied stock is handled including Confectionery of all kinds and Ice Cream, which are sold at retail, or in large orders for families, parties and churches, which are supplied at a liberal discount. The premises utilized by Mr. Holdsworth are located at No. 259 Main Street, and comprise one floor 50x14 feet in dimensions. It is eligibly located and is filled with as reliable a stock as can be found in any similar establishment. Mr. Holdsworth is a native of Digby, Nova Scotia, and is enterprising and energetic, while his business standing and general reputation, as well as the liberal manner in which the business is conducted, is a subject of the most favorable comment. A specialty is made of manufacturing a great variety of choice grades of Confectionery.

F. D. HOLDEN & CO., Watchmakers and Jewelers, Dealer in Diamonds, Watches, Jewellery, Clocks, Silverware and Spectacles, Main Street, Stoneham, Mass. Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, etc., Repaired; Broken, Missing, or Defective Parts Replaced by New, and Finished in a First-Class Manner—Among the several avocations followed here, that of the jeweler may be regarded as of great importance to the community in furnishing these evidences of refinement and taste which are represented in fashionable and elegant jewelry. As one of the houses in this line of business which have been foremost in promoting the standard of elegance in jewelry, that of F. D. Holden & Co., established many years ago, is of special importance, and is deserving of more than brief mention in a review of those places most desirable in Stoneham as purchasing points. The premises occupied are located at No. 52 Main Street, and comprise one floor 25x28 feet in dimensions, which is well stocked with a fine assortment of Watches, Jewelry and Silverware, Eyeglasses and Spectacles. This firm are practical and proficient in all the details of the trade and make a specialty of repairing Watches and Jewelry. They are also Opticians and will cheerfully and intelligently give any information in regard to selecting glasses for either old or the young who may need them. Mr. Holden is a native of Farmington, Maine, and has been identified with his present enterprise since 1886.

O. RAFFERTY, General Groceries, Stoneham, Mass.—The establishment carried on by Mr. O. Rafferty is one of those stores which make no great pretensions, and yet could be much less easily spared than many a more imposing and extensive place of business. Mr. Rafferty occupies premises in this town comprising one floor 40x25 feet in dimensions, and carries a clean and desirable stock of Staple and Fancy Groceries, Flour, and many other articles in active and constant demand. He is a native of Ireland, but from his long residence has become widely and favorably known in Stoneham and vicinity, he having founded his present business here in 1871. The store is conveniently located, and is supplied with all necessary facilities to enable orders to be promptly filled at short notice. The popularity of this establishment is due to many causes, but to none more than the uniform reliability of the goods furnished, Mr. Rafferty making it a point to obtain his supplies from reputable sources, and hence is able to guarantee all his goods.

S. A. MARSTON, Manufacturer of Sole-Leather Tips, Shop or Hancock Street, Stoneham, Mass.—It is not generally known outside of shoe manufacturing centres that the average shoe is the result of the work of many different manufacturers instead of being made entirely by one concern, but such is, of course, the fact, and so the actual merit of a shoe depends upon the merits of the productions of not a few entirely separate shops. All the shoe manufacturers who have a reputation to maintain take pains to procure the stock they use from sources that they know to be absolutely reliable, and here is one reason for the active and constant demand for the product of the shop carried on by S. A. Marston, for this business was founded in 1881, and from the very first no pains have been spared to turn out goods that will prove just as represented in every respect. The output includes Sole Leather Tips, Buff and Patent Leather Tips, and the capacity of the shop is such as to enable orders to be filled promptly, while the business is so carefully managed that accuracy is also practically assured in every department of it. The business was founded by J. F. Marston in 1884, but since his death has been continued by Mr. Marston under the firm name of S. A. Marston.

A. W. RICE,

STATIONERY * AND * FANCY * GOODS, CIRCULATING LIBRARY.

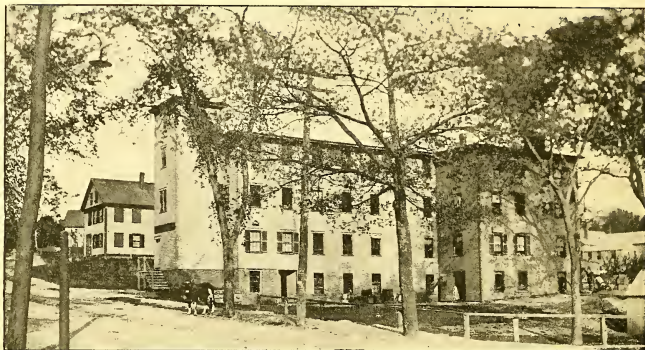
FRANKLIN STREET, - - - STONEHAM, MASS.

A newspaper delivery service that is not prompt, accurate and absolutely reliable is little better than an aggravation, for it is a continual source of bother and had best be dispensed with altogether; but a thoroughly satisfactory service is a most valuable and decided accommodation, and hence there is abundant reason for the pronounced popularity of that rendered by Mr. A. W. Rice, for it is thoroughly satisfactory in every respect, this gentleman furnishing the Boston and New York leading dailies and Sunday papers by the day, week or month, delivering them as soon as possible after publication, and at uniformly moderate rates. Magazines and Periodicals of all kinds will also be supplied, subscriptions being received at publishers' rates and the publication being mailed from the printers direct to the subscriber. The assortment of Stationery includes the latest fashionable novelties. A good trade is enjoyed at the soda fountain during the summer months, as great care is taken to furnish the best. Employment is given to two assistants besides six news boys, and prompt attention is assured to every caller. The premises occupied are located on Franklin Street, comprise one floor 35x20 feet, which is used as a news room, having as well a Circulating Library. This is headquarters for Base Ball Supplies, etc. This enterprise was established by Mr. Rice in 1869, who has conducted it very satisfactorily ever since.

A. E. MANN & CO., Manufacturers of Boots and Shoes, No. 51 Lincoln Street, Boston. Factory at Stoneham, Mass.—The factory carried on by Messrs. A. E. Mann & Co. is extensive, well-arranged, admirably equipped, and advantageously located,—all of which has, of course, much to do with the ability of the firm to handle its great business with comparative ease, and to turn out goods of very acceptable quality at bottom prices; but in boot and shoe manufacturing even more than in other lines of industry the great secret of success is close, constant and skillful supervision, and perhaps the principal reason why Messrs. A. E. Mann & Co. are able to turn out goods of uniform merit, and in every way to easily meet all honorable competition, is because the business is very thoroughly systematized, and every detail of it, from the selection of the stock to the shipping of the finished product is carefully looked after, no trouble being spared to attain the best possible results. The factory contains five floors measuring 120x40 feet, and has two wings, each 80 feet square, while the plant of machinery is very extensive and efficient, power being furnished by an 80-horse engine, and employment being given to from two hundred and fifty to three hundred assistants. The product is made up of Ladies', Misses' and Children's Shoes and a full line of samples may always be found at the firm's salesrooms and offices, No. 51 Lincoln Street, Boston. Considering the size of the factory and the number of assistants employed, it is hardly necessary to say that the goods are in active demand, but, as we have said, the business is excellently managed and all orders are assured prompt and careful attention.

COPELAND & BOWSER, Dealers in Staple and Fancy Dry Goods, Ladies' and Gents' Furnishings, Trunks, Bags, Etc., Paper Hangings and Borderings, Floor Oil Cloths and Straw Matting. Agents for Butterick's Patterns. No. 72 Main Street, Stoneham, Mass.—We hear a great deal about "department stores" now-a-days, and certainly they deserve their popularity, if for no other reason than that time and trouble may be saved by patronizing them, but it is well to bear the fact in mind that by no means are the biggest department stores the best—in other words, you are apt to lose time instead of saving it if visiting some of those great Boston stores that cover acres of space and cater especially to transient trade. Such an establishment as that conducted by Messrs. Copeland & Bowser, at No. 72 Main Street, is much more advantageous to patronize, not because it contains an endless variety of goods, but because the service is prompt and efficient, the goods are reliable, and the prices are really as low as the lowest. This firm caters more particularly to regular than to transient trade, so it is clearly for their interest to handle such goods and name such prices as will make purchasers come again. The partners are Messrs. H. Copeland and R. L. Bowser, the former a native of Reading, Mass., and the latter, Lockville, N. B. They have been associated in their present business since 1875, and they carry on stores at Woburn and at Reading, as well as in Stoneham. As dealers in Dry and Fancy Goods, Ladies' and Gents' Furnishings, Trunks, Bags, etc., also in Paper Hangings and Borderings, Floor Oil Cloths and Straw Matting, they carry a heavy and varied stock, which also includes a full line of Butterick's Patterns, for which they are agents. Their assortment always includes the latest novelties as well as staple goods; their prices are always in strict accordance with the lowest market rates, and their goods are always sold under a guarantee that they will prove just as represented, so that the popularity of their stores is very easy to understand.

F. W. FLEET, Boot and Shoe Maker and Repairer. All Work Promptly and Neatly Done. Ripped Vamps and Tips Stitched on Bradbury's Repairing Machine. No. 229 Main Street, Stoneham, Mass.—The business conducted by Mr. F. W. Fleet was established by him in 1891. He is very well known in this locality and is a maker of Custom Boots and Shoes, also Repairer of Ripped Vamps, and Tips Stitched on "Bradbury's Repairing Machine." Mr. Fleet's leading specialty is repairing; also the making of Fine Boots and Shoes to order, a class of work in which he offers unsurpassed inducements, as the goods he produces are perfect in fit and satisfactory in every respect, while the prices quoted are as low as can be named on work of equal excellence. Orders can be filled at short notice, and as the proprietor gives personal attention to his work the product is uniformly high in quality, and can be recommended without reserve to all who appreciate really neat and excellent work. The premises occupied are located at No. 229 Main Street, and comprise one floor 14x22 feet in size, while all callers receive prompt and polite attention. Mr. Fleet also has a full line of Cigars and Tobacco, etc., which he sells at low prices.



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THE E. L. PATCH CO., Manufacturing Chemists and Pharmacists, No. 91 Broad Street, Boston ; No. 96 Fulton Street, New York ; No. 1633 Michigan Avenue, Chicago ; Laboratory, Montvale Avenue, Lindenwood Station, Stoneham, Mass.—The most notable and doubtless the most widely-known manufacturing establishment in Stoneham is that carried on by the E. L. Patch Company, Manufacturing Chemists and Pharmacists, and the prominence attained by this establishment is especially remarkable from the fact that it is of quite recent origin, it having been built during the winter of 1888-89 and opened for active business May 1st, 1889. As the field occupied by the business to which it is devoted was already overcrowded in the opinion of many, the success of the enterprise was considered very doubtful, and even some of those who thought its success was practically assured believed that it would be gained only by long and incessant work ; yet so prompt as well as decided was the success of the undertaking that the laboratory had to be doubled in capacity at the beginning of the second year, again doubled the third year, besides moving the entire selling department to the building No. 91 Broad Street, Boston. It is unnecessary for us to go into detail concerning the causes of this really phenomenal success in a business where the competition is close, severe and persistent ; suffice it to say it is thoroughly well deserved, and a hint as to its principal cause is given by the following extract taken from a price-list issued by the company : "Our claim for our powdered drugs is that we use every care to obtain the best crude material the market affords, and to so conduct the business of milling as to furnish the best possible product." The soundness of that claim is demonstrated not only by the magnitude and number of the orders received for powdered drugs, but also by the sources from whence they come, as among the regular customers of the E. L. Patch Company are many leading pharmacists noted for the reliability and perfection of the prescription department of their business. And this claim holds good also in regard to all the articles handled by this Company—that is to say, the same care is taken in the preparation of all the goods they deal in, and some idea of the number of these may be gained from the following condensed list : Chemically Pure Standardized Acids and Reagents, Assayed Drugs, Elixirs, Commercial and Purified Chemicals, Fluid Extracts, Solid Extracts, Syrups, Solutions, Sachets, Compressed Tablets, Vanilla Beans, Tonca Beans, Gelatin Coated Pills, Compressed Percolation Powders, Cut and Compressed Lozenges, Tablet Triturates, Standard Percolation Powders, Pill Machines, Gelatin Coating Machines, Suppository Moulds, Triturate Plates and Other Apparatus. The Laboratory is very thoroughly equipped, and the extent of the work done is indicated by the fact that a 45-horse power engine is utilized. Employment is given to about eighty thoroughly competent assistants, in addition to the large force employed in the Boston house, and every detail of the business is carefully supervised and so thoroughly systematized that it is easy to understand why the absolute reliability of the product is unquestioned. In addition to the Boston office it has been found necessary to open an office at No. 96 Fulton Street, New York, and also at No. 1633 Michigan Avenue, Chicago. A word regarding the men who have so rapidly and successfully developed this important enterprise requires no apology. The president, Professor Edgar L. Patch, is one of the foremost pharmacologists of our time. Born in Spencer, Mass., left fatherless at the age of thirteen, which interrupted his education for a time, he was later employed in drug stores for a period, but made the most of his opportunities, and in 1873 graduated from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy with high rank. The College, appreciating his worth, immediately elected him a trustee and he has since been prominently identified with the interests of the College, having filled various offices, including treasurer, and in 1876 was called to the Chair of Pharmacy, which he filled until he resigned in 1892. Associated with Prof. Patch in this enterprise as treasurer and financial manager, is one of Stoneham's most prominent citizens, the Hon. Onslow Gilmore, who has been and is prominently connected with the interests of Stoneham, having represented this district in the State Senate. He has for years been town treasurer, and is Treasurer of the Savings Bank in Stoneham, and also conducts a Fire Insurance Office. Thus with two such men associated, each devoted to the separate details of the business in which they are each so eminently qualified, is sufficient explanation of the phenomenal success already achieved.

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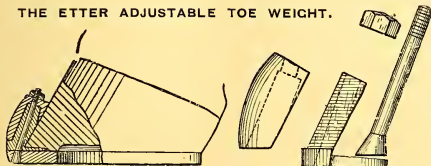
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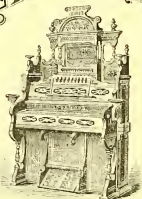
Over-Reaching, Interfering, and, Tender-footed Horses Carefully Attended to; also False Quarters, Sand Cracks, Thrushes, Corns, etc. No. 25 Main Street, Medford, Mass. Branch at No. 183 Main Street.—The establishment conducted by Mr. Herbert Etter and located at No. 25 Main Street, Medford, was started in 1883, and from its inception has been in the hands of a good horse

shoer. Mr. Herbert Etter is a scientific, practical, theoretical, anatomical and experienced professional horse shoer. This takes in all the requirements to make up the necessary knowledge which a horseshoer should possess, and those owning horses may take them to his shop in perfect peace as to the work being properly executed. Over-Reaching, and Tender-Footed horses are carefully attended and humanely treated, also special attention paid to those animals suffering from False Quarters, Sand Cracks, Thrushes, Corns, etc. Mr. Etter's shop covers an area of 1,400 square feet and accommodates many horses at a time. Skilled workmen are the only ones employed, and five are kept the year round. The proprietor is the manufacturer of Etter's Adjustable Toe-Weight, and is also prepared to do all work in a neat, prompt and thoroughly satisfactory manner. We can safely recommend our readers to patronize this gentleman as they can rely on his superior workmanship and knowledge of his business. He has recently erected a Branch Horse Shoeing Shop at No. 183 Main Street, directly opposite the entrance to Mystic Park, for the accommodation of gentlemen attending the races and also the general public. He has also had built in connection with the shop a line of stalls, where persons attending the races or those desirous of having work done by him may at all times leave their horses with perfect safety, as there will be a reliable person in charge. The prices charged at this establishment are as low as any quoted in Medford, and the work executed second to none. Therefore the advantages to be derived by patronizing Mr. Herbert Etter's establishment are many and obvious. An idea of the scientific methods practiced by Mr. Etter in his profession may be gained from the following announcement that appears on his business card:

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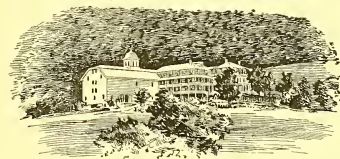
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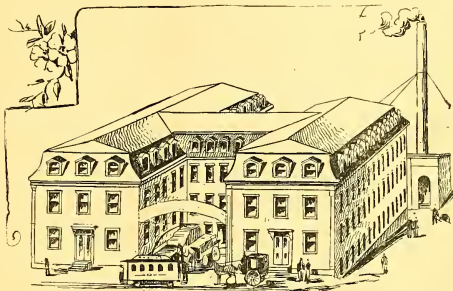
South Lyndeboro, N. H., Duncklee & Sons, Proprietors.—Probably no State in the Union can equal that of the "Old Granite State" in its attractions for mountain scenery and hospitable hotels for the summer tourist, or those seeking the invigorating change of pure mountain air and unexcelled attractions of natural scenery as found on the many mountains of New Hampshire, while the White Mountains, with their many hotels that annually accommodate visitors from all lands, and have given to that locality a world-wide fame, will continue to attract and entertain the crowd of visitors to whom economy in expenses is not a consideration. But there are also some most delightful resorts where the scenery is most enchanting, the location for healthfulness unsurpassed, the quiet comforts of home are enjoyed, and all accompanied with moderate expenses, so that families of moderate means can afford the luxury of a vacation in the



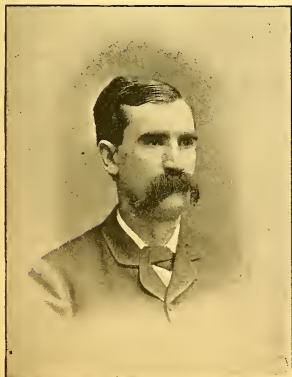
House," at South Lyndeboro, N. H., as represented by the above cut. It is within sixty miles of Boston, located near the summit of the Lyndeboro Mountain, with double verandas on three sides which overlook the whole country to the sea, so that the sun is seen as apparently rising from the ocean; from this vicinity are visible the White Mountains, Manchester, Nashua, Lowell, etc., while the drives and romantic scenery are most delightful. The house is furnished with thirty-six guest rooms and has a fine, cool dining-room much appreciated by all visitors. The cuisine of the hotel is of the best, cooked and served in a manner appreciated, while the best of spring water abounds. The proprietors, Messrs. Duncklee & Sons, spare no pains to contribute in every possible way to the pleasure and enjoyment of their guests. A stable is connected with the house and teams can be had with or without drivers. For full particulars address: C. A. Moody, Stoneham, Mass., or Duncklee & Sons, South Lyndeboro, N. H. The senior partner, Mr. E. P. Duncklee, is a manufacturer in Stoneham, Mass., as seen by the card appended.

E. P. DUNCKLEE, ^{MANUFACTURER OF AND DEALER IN:} **PREPARED SHOE STOCK,**
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STONEHAM, MASS.

F. E. COX, Clothier, Furnisher and Hatter, People's Clothing Store, Central Square, Stoneham, Mass. No. 456 Main Street, Wakefield, Mass.—Much time and trouble and no little money may often be saved by purchasing an entire outfit at one place, and we can certainly give such of our readers as are contemplating the purchase of an outfit of clothing no better advice than to call at the "People's Clothing Store," conducted by Mr. F. E. Cox, for he carries a complete line of Clothing, Hats, Caps and Gents' Furnishing Goods, etc., and not only handles absolutely dependable goods, but quotes bottom prices. He is a native of Chelsea, Mass., and is widely known throughout Stoneham and vicinity. The premises occupied are located on Central Square under the management of Mr. J. Hale Hodgman, and comprise one floor 60x25 feet in dimensions; a branch store is conducted at No. 456 Main Street, Wakefield, Mass., under the management of Mr. C. R. Davis. This enterprise was started by the present proprietor here in 1891, and the patronage keeps steadily increasing under his skillful management, for the public have learned that all representations made by him can be implicitly relied upon. Besides carrying a full line of staple goods and styles, Mr. Cox offers many of the latest fashionable novelties, and those who like to feel they are fully "up to the times" will appreciate his policy.



TUCKER & MOULTON, Manufacturers of Fine Shoes, No. 121 Summer Street, Boston; Factory at Stoneham, Mass.—The firm of Tucker & Moulton hold a leading position among the shoe manufacturers of Massachusetts, and as Massachusetts is the leading State in the Union in that very important industry, it goes without saying that the firm to which we have reference are in a position to compete successfully with any concern in the United States engaged in the manufacture of a similar line of goods. It is not at all difficult to account for the success of Messrs. Tucker & Moulton, as they have a large, well-arranged and thoroughly equipped factory. It is conveniently located, and is managed with that skill and discretion which are the results of long experience, combined with that faculty known as "business ability," which is easy to name but very hard to define. The business was founded in 1882 by Messrs. Brackett & Pool, and in 1889 came under the control of the present firm, which is composed of Messrs. N. F. Tucker, J. A. Moulton, and W. D. Brackett, special. These gentlemen are extremely well known in business circles, and one reason why the goods produced by the firm with which they are identified are in active demand is because it is known by the trade that they belong to that class which really "prove as represented." The factory consists of two buildings parallel with each other and connected by a cross building; it is well lighted, and so conveniently arranged that the system of shafting is simple and efficient; unnecessary loss of power is avoided; and the cost of production is reduced to a minimum. Employment is given to about two hundred assistants, and the annual output is very large in amount. The office is at No. 121 Summer Street, Boston, and the firm are generally in a position to fill large orders at short notice, as well as to furnish desirable goods at bottom prices.



J. F. BERRY & SON, Dealers in Fine Footwear, Clothing and Gents' Furnishings, Etc., No. 13 Central Square, Stoneham, Mass.—Among those doing business in Stoneham, none are better known than Messrs. John F. Berry & Son. The senior is a native of Tamworth, N. H., and his son, C. J. Berry, of Stoneham, and both have a very large circle of friends. This enterprise was founded in 1872, by Messrs. Berry Brothers, they being succeeded by the present proprietor in 1885, who has made it one of the most popular of the kind to be found in this vicinity. Just what methods they have followed to attain this popularity can best be appreciated by visiting their store, which comprises one floor 44x30 feet in dimensions, and contains a very desirable stock of Boots, Shoes and Clothing, besides a full assortment of Gents' Furnishing Goods, and is located at No. 13 Central Square. Some of the reasons why this stock is "very desirable," are—first, it is made up of new, fresh and fashionable goods, no "back numbers" of any kind being included; second, every article is guaranteed to prove as represented, and third, the assortment is so varied as regards styles, sizes, prices, etc., that all tastes, all ages and all purses can easily be suited. One competent assistant is employed, all callers being assured prompt and polite service and the reception of a full hundred cents of value.

F. C. HOWARD,

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STONEHAM, MASS.



thousands and are multiplying now faster than ever, especially now that a break has been made in the exorbitant prices at which manufacturers have maintained them, though now as ever the same rule applies with equal truth,—get a high grade machine, for inferior made ones are the most expensive in the long run. Mr. F. C. Howard, whose store is on Main Street, opposite the Post Office in Stoneham, is prepared to furnish elegant wheels of various make, either to those who desire to purchase or to rent. He makes a specialty of the Victor, Credenda and Lovell-Diamond, either for ladies' or gentlemen's use, which are sold on easy terms. A full line of supplies for each kind is carried. Special attention is given to repairing and supplying parts as needed. He also deals in Cameras, with supplies of all kinds. Among the makes carried are the Kodak, Hawkeye, Premier, Handy and Bullseye. The premises occupied contain two rooms—one for sales room, the other for repair work. Mr. Howard has many friends in this vicinity; his trade is rapidly increasing, and his business methods are such as invariably win success.

G. A. SEVERANCE & CO., Groceries and Provisions, Central Street, Farm Hill Station, Stoneham, Mass.—This enterprise was opened to the public in 1890, and in 1891 Mr. J. A. Ladd became associated with Mr. Severance as partner. The firm occupy a store consisting of one floor and basement, comprising about 2,000 square feet. They carry a well-selected stock of Family Groceries and Provisions, and cater to regular family trade. A full line in each department is constantly carried, while two clerks are employed, so that prompt and obliging service is rendered and every effort is made to satisfy the most critical patron; goods are delivered free, are guaranteed to be as good and select as the market affords, and at prices as low as any goods of equal merit. Close personal attention is given the business by both partners. They are both natives of New Hampshire, and are numbered among the reliable and progressive business men of the town.

MRS. A. PETERSON, Dining Rooms, Franklin Street, Stoneham, Mass.—It might seem at first thought easy enough to manage a restaurant, but there is no person who has had much occasion to patronize these places but what will say that the really good ones are a small minority. Why is not for us to state. We have our own theories on the subject, but our readers want facts rather than theories, and are naturally more interested in learning of one good dining-room than in hearing the reasons why a half-dozen are not good. Therefore, we will hasten to call to their attention the Dining Rooms conducted by Mrs. A. Peterson, on Franklin Street, for this lady is one of the few who know how things should be done, and spares neither time nor money in attaining satisfactory results. This lady opened her present place of business in 1890. The premises comprise one building 40x20 feet in size and can accommodate quite a number of guests, being nicely fitted up with all the necessary conveniences. But, after all, the main point to be considered in an establishment of this kind is the food, and here Mrs. Peterson comes out strong, for she supplies her customers with the best that the market affords and takes measures to see that it is properly cooked and promptly and courteously served. Employment is given to two competent assistants, and the comfort and convenience of patrons are looked out for on every hand. The prices here are very moderate, and a trial of the accommodatious provided will result in another call.

DESCRIPTIVE SKETCH OF MEDFORD.



MEDFORD may be briefly described as a modern city that is the outgrowth of an ancient town, and has within the past decade so completely renewed its youth that even during the most prosperous of its early days its growth and its prospects were but small in comparison with what they are at the present time. Few of the old towns of New England have passed through such vicissitudes of fortune; and the history of Medford is of deep interest, not only because it bears a prominent part in the early history of our country, but also because it is such as to exemplify the truth of the familiar saying: "There is a destiny that shapes our ends, rough hew them as we may." The precise date of the first settlement in Medford is not definitely known, but it is generally accepted that it was made in 1830 by people from England who had landed at Salem the preceding May. It was the seventh town in the State to be organized, and its early development was due almost entirely to one who never visited New England but who sent men to Medford and expended money freely for the purpose of utilizing the fisheries and taking advantage of the facilities for ship building. This was Mr. Cradock—or Governor Cradock as he was called on account of his control of the Medford colony—and he began operations here in 1634, his men then erecting the "Cradock House" or "Old Fort," which is standing to-day and, it is hardly necessary to add, is the oldest house in New England. It is located near Mystic River, in the southeastern part of Medford, and near the junction of Riverside (formerly Ship) and Spring Streets, and will probably stand several centuries more, unless it happens to be destroyed by fire, for it is a most substantial structure in every part, and its great beams and thorough construction show that it was erected at a time when wood was plenty, labor was cheap and workmanship was honest and durable. The massive walls are built of brick and it was long supposed that the brick was imported from England especially for that purpose, but some historians now deny that, and assert that the brick was made in Medford, where brick manufacturing has long been an important industry. Many radical changes have been made, of course, in the surroundings of the Cradock House, and the construction and widening of streets and the building of walls have materially changed the appearance of the grounds surrounding the ancient structure; but few pronounced changes have been made in the exterior of the house itself, and it has long been one of the main points of interest in historic Medford.

Medford was originally a very poor town, and the greater part of the taxation was borne by the property of Governor Cradock, so when he ceased operations, Medford suffered greatly, and for many years found it very difficult to meet the demands made upon it. There is such a vast difference between the conditions of to-day and those existing from the time of the founding of Medford up to half a century or so ago, that it is very difficult to realize that ship building was for two hundred years and more the only great industry carried on here; yet such was the case, and this industry was begun at the very beginning of the town's history, for the "Blessing of the Bay," a thirty-ton bark, was launched at Mystic by Governor Winthrop, July 4th, 1631. Several vessels were built by the men employed by Governor Cradock during the next few years, and the industry was quite steadily continued until Revolutionary days; but it was not until the opening of the present century that a veritable "boom" in ship building began. Then it began in earnest, and from 1800 operations were carried on so largely and successfully that many vessels—not a few of which were very large for those days, although they would be considered very small to-day—were launched, and Medford or Mystic vessels gained a high reputation for staunchness, speed and durability.

The history of Medford during the Revolution is a matter of common knowledge, and there is, consequently, no need of giving even a summary of it. That famous ride of Paul Revere, and the poem that describes it, will never be forgotten and everybody knows that "It was twelve by the village clock when he crossed the bridge into Medford town," from whence he continued the ride that resulted in the firing of "a shot heard around the world," and a flight and pursuit that formed the opening act of a drama, the closing act of which was the acknowledgement of



FOREST STREET, MEDFORD.

this country's independence. Thousands visit Medford every year for no other purpose than to follow the course of that flight and pursuit and view the points along the road where the most severe encounters occurred; and it is pleasant to be able to say that those points are plainly marked by tablets and inscriptions, so that even "he who runs may read" the story of the day that is one of the most glorious of all the glorious days in American history.

The record of Medford during the Rebellion is not, of course, so famous as is the town's record during the Revolution, for Medford was not "fighting ground," it being far remote from the scene of struggle; but the old town has good reason to be proud of what her sons did during the late (and, let us hope, the last) war, and they fully maintained her reputation for sending into the field men who were not only patriotic but also brave and determined. Figures may be made to prove almost anything, and they have been so much misused of late that proof dependant upon them is now looked upon as no proof at all; but still they sometimes afford ground upon which most substantial and sensible opinions can be based, and the simple fact that there

was no increase whatever in the population of Medford from 1860 to 1865, while during the decades preceding its increase was steady and pronounced, affords significant evidence that Medford bore at least her share of the burden of subduing the Rebellion, and was not numbered among those towns that profited by it financially.

After the decadence of the ship-building industry, the principal industry of Medford was brick manufacturing, and that is still extensively carried on here and doubtless will be for years



MEDFORD SQUARE, FROM CITY HALL.

to come, and the supply of "raw material" is vast in amount, and the location of the city is such as to ensure a very heavy demand for the product in the immediate vicinity, to say nothing of the demand from more distant points, which can easily be reached on account of the excellent railway facilities of the "brick yard" region. But probably the most famous of this town's products is rum, for "Medford rum" is actually known all over the world and is known to be the best rum made in America. Its manufacture has been carried on here for very many years, and some of the early distilleries are no longer in operation; but its production is still an important local industry and has not been an unmixed benefit to the town, for everybody has heard of "Medford" rum, and not a few assume that a place where rum is largely manufactured must necessarily be infested with drunkards and afflicted with a very disorderly element in the population. Of course that is a very narrow and prejudiced way of considering the matter, but still it has been adopted by many, and in the past it seriously interfered with the development of Medford, but that is a thing of the past and no intelligent person would now think of avoiding residence here on that account. The fact is, Medford is one of the most orderly cities or

towns in the State. It will not suffer a bit by comparison with any of its neighbors in this respect, and it is now attracting such residents that an already high standard of orderliness and true sociability is being raised every year. As for the prevalence of drunkenness and the opinion of the citizens on that subject, suffice it to say that Medford is what some consider it most surprising a place where intoxicants are largely manufactured should be—a “temperance town,”—a no-license city, where no intoxicants can be sold legally excepting stimulants called for by a



MEDFORD SQUARE, LOOKING UP HIGH STREET, MEDFORD.

physician's prescription, and where comparatively few are sold illegally, for the law is strictly and constantly enforced. Medford has grown very rapidly of late years,—its population became so great that it was found absolutely necessary to change from town to city government, and nearly all of this great increase is due to the fact that the people have discovered that Medford is a most excellent place to live in. It cannot be truly called a manufacturing city, although many industries, and not a few important ones, are carried on here; it cannot be called a trade centre, although it contains many mercantile establishments and some excellent financial institutions; but it can be called a residential city,—a city of homes,—for that is just what it is, and what it is going to be in the future, not only because the great and constant growth of New England's metropolis necessitates the growth of the towns and cities about her, but also because of all the many beautiful places of residence included in Boston's suburbs, those of Medford are entitled to a leading position and they positively ensure the rapid and healthful development of this city. There is a very large amount of territory within the jurisdiction of Medford, and the boundaries of the city are very irregular in shape, it being the most irregular in shape of any

city or town in the county. The location is such as to make Medford almost one of Boston's next door neighbors, and indeed it is nearer to the business centre of the Hub than are some of the parts of that city itself, for the most remote point in Medford—the extreme northwest corner of the territory—is but six and three-quarter miles from Boston Common, while the southeast corner of Medford is just three miles from that famous field.



MEDFORD SAVINGS BANK.

Medford is bounded on the north by Winchester and Stoneham; on the east by Malden and Everett; on the south and west by Somerville and Arlington. A large part of the northern portion of the city is within the boundaries of the celebrated Middlesex Fells, and touching the northern boundary is the beautiful Spot Pond, of which the only thing not admirable is the name. When the plans for making a vast public park out of the Middlesex Fells are carried out, it is to be hoped and confidently expected that the name of that lovely sheet of water will be changed to Lake Winthrop, for it was Governor Winthrop who discovered it, and it was the desire of the late Elizur Wright (who long resided in Medford, and to whom the credit of having the Fells region appropriated for park purposes is due) that that name should be adopted. The scenic beauties of Medford are such as to make it one of the fairest sections in the fairest part of Massachusetts, and this is one of the very few cities that call for no expenditure for the cre-

ation of beautiful parks, but simply reasonable care in the preservation of the natural beauties of a singularly favored region. The utilization of the Middlesex Fells as a part of the grand metropolitan park system is now an assured fact, and the improvement of existing streets, the laying out of new ones and the furnishing of additional means of transportation will all tend to greatly increase the already great attractions of Medford, and afford positive assurance that the future growth of that city will not only equal but far exceed the expectations of those who base their judgment upon the past growth alone. All the communities adjacent to Boston will, of course, profit by the far-seeing and liberal policy of public improvement that has now been fairly inaugurated, but Medford will be especially favored, and the valuation of property throughout the city will soon show a decided but healthful increase that is not brought about by any fictitious raising of values, but by the furnishing of great improvements that will add largely to the desirability of Medford as a place of residence, and to the demand for real estate throughout this region. Mystic Pond, which contributes largely to Boston's water supply, extends along the northwestern border of Medford, separating it from Arlington, and the outlet of that pond—Mystic River—flows through the centre of the city, its devious course and the broad marshes which in some places surround it adding much to the beauty of a region where any lover of nature cannot fail to be gratified, for the variety is almost endless; so whether one prefers highlands or lowlands, fields or forests, open spaces or enclosed and wooded valleys where no houses can be seen and the busy world seems as remote as in the White Mountain region, he can gratify his tastes within the limits of Medford.

What may be called the "city proper" of Medford is located not quite five miles from the business centre of Boston, it being just four and a half miles in a straight line from the gilded dome of the State House on Beacon Hill. The business centre of Medford is on the north bank of the Mystic River, and nearly all the principal stores and institutions are clustered about Medford Square, which is thus important from a commercial as well as from a historical standpoint. There are some stores and factories along or near the other bank of the river, and there are also not a few residences, but the most of Medford is north of the Mystic, as more than three-quarters of the territory within the city's jurisdiction is on that side of the stream. Transportation facilities are furnished by the Boston and Maine Railroad, which runs along the eastern margin of the city and has a branch which terminates at the business centre; also by the Boston and Lowell Railroad, which runs through the southern and western parts of Medford and has stations at Collège Hill, Medford Hillside and West Medford. Collège Hill Station is so called because it is near the beautiful hill on which are the spacious grounds and buildings of Tufts Collège. These grounds are just within the line separating Medford from Somerville, and were given to the college by a resident of Somerville, Mr. Charles Tufts, after whom the institution was named. This college was founded by the Universalist denomination in 1847, but on account of hesitancy in deciding upon the location of it, the erection of the first building was not begun until 1853. It was finished the following year, and the formal opening of the institution occurred August 22d, 1855. Tufts Collège is liberally endowed and is doing most excellent work. Perhaps the most famous of the college buildings is the Barnum museum, for it contains a most extensive and valuable collection and is very highly esteemed by those interested in natural history. This museum is open to the public, and is very largely availed of without reference to the extensive use made of it by students of the college. The view from Collège Hill is beautiful, and the stately buildings and well-kept grounds of Tufts Collège are of themselves sufficiently attractive to well repay a visit to a place where all self-respecting visitors are assured a cordial welcome.

Although there are many railway stations and many miles of railroad within the limits of Medford, the transportation service thus afforded is supplemented by a street car service that is

already extensive and is destined to become much more so in the near future. Before the advent of electric motors a journey from Boston to Medford by street cars was long and tedious, excepting in fine weather during the "open car season," when a long ride through a beautiful country is a pleasure instead of a penance, but now the time has been materially reduced and the comforts increased, and Medford, Arlington, Malden, Somerville, Cambridge and Boston are so closely united that they are almost one. The electric railways have hardly begun the work of extension and connection that they are so admirably fitted to perform, and in a few years it will be possible to take such long and charming rides in "the poor man's carriage," as the open street car is popularly called, that there will be no excuse for any one not being familiar with the almost endless and varied beauties that may be found throughout the Boston suburban regions.



B. & M. DEPOT. WEST MEDFORD.

The rapid growth of Medford, of course, furnishes conclusive proof that many already appreciate the advantages offered by the city, but a brief summary of the more important of them is certainly worthy of presentation. Medford is healthful, orderly and quiet. The cost of living is moderate, for rents are reasonable, land is not high-priced, and the representative stores will furnish goods at what are truly "city prices"—that is, they are as low as can be quoted on goods of equal merit. Although the most of the stores are in the heart of the city, there are also many in the outlying regions,—as, for instance, West Medford, East Medford and what may be called South Medford, and the delivery service is so comprehensive that there is no part of the city where one cannot have goods delivered without expense and orders called for if desired. Medford has excellent schools, many churches, and a large and well-conducted public library. All such modern improvements as an efficient water service, gas and electric lighting facilities, fire protection, proper sewerage, good streets and sidewalks, and a competent police service are provided, and in fact there is nothing to wonder at that Medford is a very popular place to live in, and is increasing in population not only steadily but rapidly.

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WEST MEDFORD, MASS.

The success of an occasion in which a collation bears a prominent part is so largely dependent upon the quality of the refreshments furnished and the character of service provided, that too much care cannot be exercised in the selection of the caterer who is to supply these things. Not only reliability but skill, experience and adequate facilities on the part of the caterer are absolutely essential to the attainment of the best results, and it naturally follows that much of the catering done in this country is unsatisfactory, for but a small proportion of the many American caterers have had that training which is indispensable to success in catering to people of refined and fastidious tastes. In this connection we take pleasure in calling attention to the service offered by Mr. James R. Young, for we know that we can unreservedly recommend him as a caterer to the most exacting, and be positively assured that the results of patronizing him will be entirely satisfactory, for Mr. Young has had an exceptionally complete training, long experience, and has satisfactorily filled positions and ably executed commissions that would have been far beyond one who was not a master of the art of catering. He was educated in Paris as a professional cook; was engaged in the catering business in New Orleans for nine years, and since served as steward of the yacht "Gitana," owned by Mr. W. F. Weld. Mr. Young began operations in West Medford in 1889, and has built up a business that is very extensive, and is even more notable for its character than its extent, among his regular patrons being some of the leading families of Medford, Winchester, Woburn, Stoneham and Malden. He is a caterer for Luncheons, Parties, Collations and Weddings, and is prepared to supply trained waiters and in fact everything required on such occasions, giving prompt and careful attention to all orders, large or small. A specialty is made of French and Creole dishes, and it is worthy of note that like all true chefs, Mr. Young is bound by no set and conventional rules, but produces dishes that are as original as they are satisfying. He has an unsurpassed way of preparing Sultana Roll and Biscuit Tortuni, and he exercises such care in the preparation of all articles furnished by him that their merit is not a matter of chance but is positively assured. The Ice Cream Sherbets, etc., manufactured by Mr. Young have an unsurpassed reputation for uniform excellence and delicacy of flavor, and a very large business is done in this department alone, family orders receiving prompt attention and Ices, Harlequins, Bomb Glaces, etc., being delivered at the residences of customers in quantities to suit. Mr. Young's residence is at No. 27 Jerome Street, and orders sent to Post Office Box 29, West Medford, or by telephone (call No. 33-4) are assured immediate and painstaking attention. Employment is constantly given to eight efficient assistants, and arrangements have been made so that a large number of extra assistants can be promptly secured when circumstances require.

EUGENE COFFIN, Carriage, Sign and Ornamental Painter, Rear No. 204 High Street, West Medford, Mass., Residence, 22 Bowers.—Not only the appearance but the durability of a vehicle is dependent upon the manner in which it is painted, and those who think to save money by letting carriages or signs go uncared for in this respect, make a great mistake. Carriage and sign painting is a business by itself, and in order to be sure of attaining the best results, it is necessary to place orders with one who makes a specialty of such work, and has both the facilities, and the experience to enable him to guarantee satisfaction to the most critical. Such a man is Mr. Eugene Coffin doing business in the rear of No. 204 High Street, West Medford, and we take pleasure in recommending him to our readers, for those who have had dealings with him speak in the highest terms of his skill and reliability. Mr. Coffin is a native of Sudbury, Mass., and began his present enterprise here in 1891. His business, which is Carriage, Sign and Ornamental Painting, has steadily increased. The premises which he now occupies comprise one floor 40x20 feet in size, and all the above-named work will be done in the best manner, carefully selected materials being used, and the durability as well as the beauty of the work being given due consideration.

IRVING HOUSE, W. H. Babb, Proprietor, West Medford, Mass.—West Medford has long felt the need of a public house where transients could be suitably accommodated, and also a place where a good class of permanent boarders could find a home. Mr. Wm. H. Babb, the Dry and Fancy Goods Dealer on Harvard Avenue, recognized the demand and secured the location on Irving Street, and opened the Irving House, which is finely located within two minutes walk from depot, where he is prepared to accommodate transients with meals or lodgings and at the same time afford them the comforts of home. He has made ample arrangements also for permanent boarders, his charges are moderate and everything is kept in a neat, attractive manner, while the table is provided with an abundance of well cooked food. Mr. Babb personally conducts his Dry and Fancy Goods Store at No. 8 Harvard Avenue, where he deals in not only Dry and Fancy Goods, but Ladies' and Gents' Furnishing Goods, and very many miscellaneous articles. He is also agent for Medford Steam Laundry.

JOHN H. CHUTE, Ph. G., PHARMACIST,

USHER BUILDING.

WEST MEDFORD, MASS.

Highly useful as the services rendered by the druggist is, it would be a boon to the community if all such enterprises could be conducted by thoroughly experienced men, but as such a condition of things, however desirable, is not always found, the only way to do is to patronize such stores as are most worthy of support. A distinguished example of an establishment of this kind is that exhibited in the case of Mr. John H. Chute, whose store is located in Usher's new building on High Street, next to the Railroad, West Medford. This business was established in 1888 by Messrs. J. H. Chute and Co. who were succeeded in 1891 by the present proprietor. The premises now occupied comprise the centre store in Usher's Building, the elegant new block recently erected on High Street near the depot, West Medford. The store is elegantly fitted up in oak with all modern conveniences, with a handsome new oxyn soda fountain, making one of the most attractive of drug stores. It is well stocked with a full line of Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals and Druggists' Sundries, and every facility is at hand to give customers prompt and accurate service. The prescription department is given special prominence, Mr. Chute being a registered and educated Pharmacist, and gives careful and personal attention to the prompt filling of all orders in this department. A specialty is made of the Soda trade, great care being given to the preparation of the syrups so that they retain the most delicate and rich flavors of the fruit, and when served from the new fountain a cold and most satisfying beverage is enjoyed. Mr. Chute is the proprietor of "Chute's Floral Cream" for the hands and skin which, by its superior merit, has won for itself a fine reputation wherever used. A choice line of Foreign and Domestic Cigars is always in stock, while a very choice line of fine Stationery is carried.

SAMUEL DINSMORE, Hack, Livery and Boarding Stable, Telephone, 6150. Particular Attention Given to Furnishing Carriages for Weddings, Funerals, etc. Barges for Picnics and other Parties at Reasonable Prices. West Medford Mass.—The majority of those who patronize Livery Stables are not unreasonable, and therefore do not expect to be furnished with horses that can trot in 2.30, or with carriages that look as though they never had been used, but even the best natured customer may be excused for kicking when he is supplied with the lame apology for a horse and the antideluvian vehicle which some public stable keepers seem to think ought to be entirely satisfactory. It is very poor policy to force patrons to put up with such "accommodations," for it has a tendency to disgust them with hiring teams and to cause them either to give up driving or to get a turnout of their own. We think that the methods followed by Mr. Samuel Dinsmore might be profitably imitated by some other stable keepers whom we could name, for he spares no pains to keep a sufficiency of desirable Teams on hand and a Hack service for Weddings, Funerals, etc., and although he makes no extravagant claims, still his rigs will compare favorably with the average private turnout in this vicinity. Mr. Dinsmore does a boarding business, giving boarding horses the best care and accommodations. He began operations here in 1887. The premises utilized are spacious and well arranged, comprising about 7,000 square feet of floor space and containing thirty stalls, 50x30 feet in dimensions. A general Hack, Livery and Boarding Business is done. He also has a large service for the accommodation of large parties, having one large four horse barge, also one for two horses. Several men are employed so that all orders are assured immediate and careful attention. The charges are moderate and the service gives the very best of satisfaction. Telephone call 6150.

F. H. LOVERING, Groceries, and Provisions, No. 206 High Street, West Medford, Mass.—Many a housekeeper is looking for just such an establishment as that carried on by Mr. F. H. Lovering, at No. 206 High Street, and we take pleasure in commending this enterprise to such inquirers for we know that this gentleman's methods are bound to please, and we know that those who have business dealings with this house are outspoken in their approval of the accommodations offered. This enterprise was founded in 1876 by Lovering Bros. and they were succeeded in 1881 by the present proprietor. He is a native of Maine, and has a large circle of friends in this vicinity. The premises occupied comprise one floor 80x25 feet in dimensions, and the stock on hand is not only large but unusually varied as well, as it includes Groceries, Provisions and Canned Goods of all kinds, etc., etc. It will be seen that the greater part of the household food supply may be obtained of Mr. Lovering, and as his prices are all that can be reasonably desired as regards fairness, etc., it is well worth giving him a call. The Groceries and Provisions comprise the best the markets afford and the Canned Goods are various in kind and best in quality, while everything handled in stock is received direct from the producers and are quoted at prices as low as the lowest. Five reliable assistants are employed.

DUNBAR & LA CHAPELLE, Plumbers and Sheet Metal Workers, Steam and Hot Water Heating, Gas Fitting, Roofing, Ventilating and General Jobbing. Also, Dealers in Stoves, Furnaces and Kitchen Furnishings, Hardware, Crockery and Glass, No. 178 High Street, West Medford, Mass.—In placing orders for plumbing, the first thing to be considered is the competency of the various firms you have to choose from; the second thing is their ability to do work at reasonable rates; and the third thing is their ability to fill orders promptly, as well as accurately and economically. Messrs. Dunbar & La Chapelle "fill the bill" in each and all of these particulars, so it is not surprising that they do a big business—so big as to require the employment of seven efficient assistants. Their business is by no means confined to plumbing,—on the contrary, it includes Sheet Metal Work in all its branches, Steam and Hot Water Heating, Gas Fitting, Roofing, Ventilating and General Jobbing; and the firm are also dealers in Stoves, Furnaces and Kitchen Furnishings, Hardware, Crockery and Glass-ware, so they are prepared not only to heat, ventilate, light and drain your house, but also to furnish the kitchen department of it and to do practically all such repairing (excepting carpentering and painting) that it may require. Certainly it is very handy to know where to find such a concern as this, and by noting the address of Messrs. Dunbar & La Chapelle, No. 178 High Street, you may save yourself time, trouble, and probably money, too, for low prices rule at this establishment.

ESTABLISHED 1829.

GEORGE W. DREW,

❖ FUNERAL ❖ DIRECTOR ❖

AND EMBALMER,

10 Harvard Street, West Medford, Mass.

HARVEY WRIGHT, Horse Shoer and Carriage Smith. Wheelwrighting and Blacksmithing. Rear of Beecher's Drug Store, Harvard Avenue, West Medford, Mass.—The introduction of machinery has worked many radical changes during the past thirty or forty years, and its effects are not altogether good, for one of them has been to greatly reduce the number of really skilled mechanics. Manufacturing has been divided up into specialties and a man may now work in a machine shop for years and then know only how to run some special machine or other, being actually no more of a mechanic in the full sense of the word, when he has had long experience, than he was in the beginning. The blacksmith's trade has been affected considerably by this condition of affairs, but not so much as other trades, and experience, ingenuity and skill are still required to command success in this branch of industry. No one in this section has a higher reputation as a Blacksmith and Horse Shoer than Mr. Harvey Wright, whose shop is located on Harvard Avenue, in the rear of Beecher's Drug Store, West Medford, and the quality of the work turned out affords convincing evidence that this reputation is thoroughly well deserved. An important branch of his business is that of Wheelwright Work, as special attention is given to this line. This business was established here in 1890 by the present proprietor, who is a native of Connecticut, and has made many friends in this locality. Mr. Wright is a Horse Shoer and Carriage Smith, doing all kinds of Wheelwrighting and Blacksmithing, while Jobbing Work is promptly and neatly done at fair prices. The premises occupied measure 40x25 feet in dimensions and contain all necessary facilities for doing the work.

WELCH'S WEST MEDFORD, MEDFORD AND BOSTON EXPRESS, A. W. Welch, Prop., Stable, High Street, Opposite Railroad Crossing, West Medford, Mass. Baggage Checked to All Railroads and Steamboats.—There is no use in our going into details concerning the value of the service afforded by Welch's West Medford, Medford and Boston Express; suffice it to say it is prompt, frequent, economical and absolutely reliable, and hence is a great convenience to the residents of this section. Baggage is checked to all railroads and steamboats and is called for and delivered at practically all reasonable hours and at uniformly moderate rates, no fancy charges being made by Welch's Express under any circumstances. The office is at No. 186 High Street and the stable is also on High Street, opposite the railroad crossing, and various order boxes are conveniently distributed throughout West Medford, the location of them and of the Boston offices being as follows: Order Boxes; West Medford: Post Office, Dunckle's Stable, Hillside Station, Hanson's Grocery Store, Winthrop Street. Boston Offices: 48 Chatham Street, 14 Devonshire Street, 33 Court Street, 105 Arch Street. Order Box: Suffolk Market. In connection with the express business, a free parcel delivery business is carried on from Boston; the teams calling at the stores of such representative houses as Jordan, Marsh & Co., R. H. White & Co., and in fact practically all the leading Boston dry goods houses; together with concerns engaged in other lines of trade, as, for instance, W. H. Zinn, Cobb, Bates & Yerxa, etc., and, last but not least, Welch's Express will move pianos, furniture, etc., and do the work as it ought to be done, without marking everything all up, and without being a day engaged in a job that ought to be done in an hour. He uses a patent adjustable derrick for lifting pianos or heavy furniture up to any story, it has an ingenious arrangement for passing the piano into the window with ease, without the slightest injury to the same, and is very quickly done. Teaming of all kinds is also done, and, in short, the service is complete in every respect and fully deserves the hearty patronage of the public.

RIVERSIDE WOOD WORKS, J. W. Mann, Proprietor, No. 68 Boston Avenue, West Medford Mass. Scroll Sawing, Wood Turning and House Finish.—The establishment known as the Riverside Wood Works is very highly spoken of by the public in general and by carpenters and builders in particular, for the work turned out is done in first-class style, the prices are low, and goods are as a rule delivered promptly at the time promised. The proprietor, Mr. J. W. Mann, is a native of West Medford, and is too well known here to render extended personal mention necessary. He gives close personal attention to the many details of the business, and by the employment of an adequate force of competent assistants and the use of a complete plant of improved machinery he is enabled to turn out a great deal of work in the line of Scroll Sawing, Wood Turning and House Finish. The Riverside Wood Works are located at No. 68 Boston Avenue, and the premises utilized are 30x30 feet in dimensions and three stories in height. Ample steam power is available; the machinery is of the most improved type and is kept in first-class condition, and the work turned out will successfully bear the strictest examination and comparison with that produced at other establishments of a similar character.

DR. C. O. CUMMINGS,

DENTIST,

12 HARVARD AVENUE,

WEST MEDFORD, MASS.

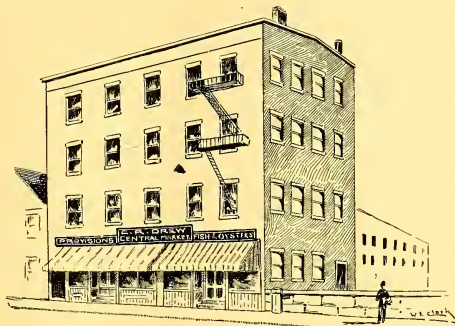
A. BEACH, Registered Pharmacist, No. 204 High Street, Opposite Depot, West Medford, Mass.—There are very few enterprises in West Medford or in any other town that can trace their origin back more than a quarter of a century, and for this reason if for no other the undertaking conducted by Mr. A. Beach is deserving of prominent and honorable mention, for it was founded in 1864 by Messrs. J. W. Tufts & Co., the store at that time being one of the oldest of the kind. Since 1872, the present proprietor has had undisturbed possession. He is a native of Middletown, Conn., and is highly respected among our local merchants. The premises utilized comprise one floor 25x25 feet in size and are located opposite the depot. A large and complete stock of Drugs, Medicines and Chemicals is carried and it is a favorite resort with those wishing to have Physicians' Prescriptions Compounded, while every precaution is taken to ensure absolute accuracy in even the most trivial details. One reliable assistant is employed and moderate charges are made in every instance.

JOHN TUTTEN, Dealer in All Kinds of Granite Monuments, Headstones, Tablets, Crosses, Edge Stones, Buttresses, Etc. Cemetery Work of Every Description Neatly Executed. Lettering a Specialty. All Orders Promptly Filled. Office and Works, No. 18 Canal Street, West Medford, Mass.—Even were there no difference in the quality of the work turned out by the various manufacturers of granite monuments, etc., it would still be worth while to exercise some discrimination in the placing of orders, for not only do the prices quoted on such work vary appreciably, but some manufacturers pursue a much more liberal policy than others and spare no pains to faithfully carry out every agreement and to deliver orders promptly when promised. Not one of our local monumental workers has a higher reputation in this respect than Mr. John Tutton, and the extensive business he has built up since beginning operations here in 1889, is the natural consequence of the methods which have given rise to such a reputation. He is a native of England, employs four assistants, and is a dealer in Granite Monuments and Headstones, Tablets, Crosses, Edge Stones, Buttresses, etc.; Cemetery Work of all kinds and descriptions neatly executed. Lettering a specialty. The office and works are located at No. 18 Canal Street, and measure 50x16 feet in dimensions. No better finished stone work is obtainable in this town than that coming from this well managed establishment, and the designs are so varied that all tastes can be suited.

E. STOREY & CO., Confectionery, Ice Cream and Lunch Room, No. 182 High Street, West Medford, Mass.—The establishment conducted by Messrs. E. Storey & Co. is well worthy of prominent mention, for the entire community are interested in an enterprise which has for its object the furnishing of Confections, Ice Cream, etc., to the public at moderate rates, and this is just what this house is prepared to do, as also furnishing light lunches with Tea or Coffee and full line of Bread, Cakes, Pastry, etc., as a visit to their establishment and a trial of their productions will prove to the satisfaction of the most skeptical. This enterprise was started in 1891, by the present proprietors, Mr. E. Storey and his daughter, Mrs. John A. Robinson, since when a large retail trade has been built up. The premises utilized are located at No. 182 High Street, West Medford, and comprise one floor 40x16 feet in dimensions. Confectionery of all kinds, Ice Cream, Tea and Coffee with Lunch are sold, the materials used being carefully selected, the flavors of the Ice Cream being pure fruit extracts, while the various details are given close personal supervision by the members of the firm, who are thus enabled to guarantee that their products will prove just as represented, while the prices are as low as can be named. A fine trade in Ice Cream is enjoyed as family orders are promptly filled, as also orders for parties or church fairs.

MEDFORD BUSINESS NOTICES.

W. P. TREET, Dry Goods, Gents' Furnishings, and Small Wares, Medford Square, Medford, Mass.—The gentleman whose card we print above is one of the oldest and best known merchants in Medford, he having founded his present business over a quarter of a century ago. Mr. W. P. Treet, who is a Maine man by birth, inaugurated the enterprise with which he is now identified in 1866, and has managed it with such ability that his store has long been known as one of the most desirable establishments in this vicinity at which to procure anything in the line of Ladies' and Children's Hosiery, Gloves, Corsets, Neckwear, Ribbons, Veilings, Linen Collars and Cuffs, Underwear and Furnishings Generally; also Gentlemen's Neckwear, Laundered and Unlaundered Shirts, Hosiery, Gloves, Suspenders, Underwear, Overalls, Flannel Shirts, etc., for his stock is always large and varied, his goods reliable, and his prices as low as the lowest. The premises made use of are located in Medford Square. They are conveniently arranged and equipped, and employment is given to two competent assistants, so that orders can be filled without delay, callers being assured prompt and courteous attention. Every article is guaranteed to prove just as represented, and the stock is so frequently renewed as always to include the latest novelties and best values at the lowest prices.



CENTRAL MARKET, C. R. Drew, Proprietor, Choice Provisions, Fruits, Fish, etc., Nos. 30 and 32 Main Street, Medford, Mass.—There is a good deal of sameness in the provision business and it is not surprising, perhaps, that the majority of the houses engaged in it should fall into certain ruts and jog along in the same old way, year in and year out, but as this is the rule, the exceptions are, of course, prominent and noticeable, and the policy followed by Mr. C. R. Drew, proprietor of the Central Market, is certainly out of the common, for this gentleman is at all times alert, wide-awake and progressive, offering a stock comprising all seasonable goods, such as are handled by first-class provision and fish dealers, and quoting bottom prices on all the articles dealt in. The Central Market is located at Nos. 30 and 32 Main Street and comprises one floor covering an area of 1,750 square feet. Choice Provisions, Fruits, etc., are prominent features of the stock handled, as are also Fresh, Salt and Smoked Fish of all kinds. Mr. C. R. Drew is a native of Medford and began operations in his present line of business about 1882. He gives employment to eight thoroughly competent assistants and his business, which has been steadily developed since its inception, is now one of the most extensive and desirable to be found in this vicinity.

WITHINGTON BAKERY, Established 1825, W. S. Barker and Son, Proprietors, Manufacturers, Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Crackers, Bread, Cake and Pastry. No. 20 Salem Street, Medford, Mass.; Branch Store, No. 14 Harvard Avenue, West Medford.—It is considerably more than half a century since the enterprise now conducted by Messrs. W. G. Barker & Son was started, it having been inaugurated in 1825 by Mr. Henry Withington, since which date it has been popularly known as the Withington Bakery. In 1892 it came under the control of its present proprietor and has for many years been considered as one of the oldest and representative undertakings carried on in this vicinity. Messrs. Barker & Son are manufacturers of as well as wholesale and retail dealers in Crackers, Bread, Cake and Pastry, and are the only bakers who make the celebrated Medford Buns. They occupy premises, consisting of a store, at No. 20 Salem Street, Medford, and a branch store at No. 14 Harvard Avenue, West Medford, employment being given to eighteen competent assistants, their wagons covering Medford, Malden, Everett, Melrose, Arlington, Somerville, Belmont and Winchester. Their bakery is fitted up with all the many improved facilities which are operated by steam. It is hardly worth while for us to call attention to the uniform excellence of the commodities produced at this establishment, for this excellence is not disputed and the fact of its existence is widely known. No expense is spared in so fitting up the premises as to accomplish the best results, and as the materials used are of the best, the articles produced are bound to be entirely satisfactory. Both partners are widely known personally throughout Medford and vicinity, and are recognized among the most enterprising and progressive business men in this section.

A. G. FOGLAND, Merchant Tailor, No. 88 Main Street, Medford, Mass.—It is not necessary to have a great deal of experience in buying in order to appreciate the fact that the first cost of an article by no means always indicates whether it is "cheap" or not, for it soon becomes evident that durability as well as lowness of cost must be considered in order to invest money to the best advantage. Take it, for instance, in the matter of clothing, and there is no one but what will concede that some garments are dear at any price. There are many who have always worn ready-made clothing, and who think that garments made to order must necessarily be expensive and beyond their means, but were they to have a suit made by an experienced and skillful tailor they would soon change their minds, for a custom made suit will wear longer, look better, and, in short, give more lasting satisfaction than one ready-made possibly can. Our readers can easily make a trial any way, for Mr. A. G. Fogland is prepared to fill orders for Custom Tailoring at short notice and at moderate prices, and guarantees satisfaction to his customers. He began operations in 1873 and carries on a well-equipped Merchant Tailoring Establishment at No. 88 Main Street. We are happy to be able to say that his enterprise has been appreciated and a thriving trade built up. Callers may depend upon receiving immediate and polite attention. Mr. Fogland is thoroughly familiar with his business in every detail, and his garments are not only cut in the latest style, but are warranted to fit to the satisfaction of the most critical.



GEO. S. DELANO. Sole Manufacturer of The Medford Mattress, and Wholesale and Retail Dealer in Mattresses, Feathers and Spring Beds, Corner of Salem and Oakland Streets, Medford, Mass.—So much has been said and written on the subject of bedding that every ordinarily well-informed person ought to know that not only comfort but health is largely dependent upon the character of the bedding used, and that it “pays” to make sure that the bedding you buy comes from a reliable source.



We have no intention of exalting one manufacturer at the expense of others, and of saying or even insinuating that Mr. George S. Delano, manufacturer of bedding in general and of “Medford Mattresses” in particular, is the *only* man who has the work done in cleanly materials, and indeed Mr. Delano himself would be the first one to deny such an assertion. But we do say that Mr. Delano's products are as unsurpassed for

wholesomeness as they are for quality of material and workmanship, and hence when you buy them you are sure you are “getting the best,”—the matter of price being given due consideration. Mr. Delano is a native of Maine, began operations in Medford in 1880, and utilizes premises located at the corner of Salem and Oakland Streets, comprising three floors, of the dimensions of 78x43 feet. He employs about twenty assistants and turns out a large amount of work, for he sells at both wholesale and retail and his goods are popular among the most reliable dealers, as they satisfy even the most exacting class of trade. Mr. Delano gives close personal attention to the supervision of the various processes incidental to manufacture, and does his utmost to have all goods perfect, which is one reason why bedding bearing the trade mark “Medford Mattresses” should be so highly regarded by the best informed members of the trade.

MEDFORD HOUSE. Daniel K. Emerson, Proprietor, Medford, Mass.—The Medford House is most emphatically one of the “institutions” of Medford, for it was built almost ninety years ago, has always enjoyed an extensive and select patronage, and to-day occupies a leading position among the high grade road houses that are so important a factor in the popularity of rides and drives around the Boston suburbs. But this is by no means simply a “road house,”—we have used that term in describing it because a well-managed and well-equipped road house affords a service that no ordinary hotel, however well managed, can render, but the Medford House combines the conveniences and service of a first class road house with those of a first-class hotel, and is, therefore, prepared to cater satisfactorily to touring parties, to regular and transient guests, and to execute at short notice special commissions for the furnishing and serving of collations of all kinds, from the most simple to the most elaborate. This house was built in 1804, and was at one time known by the original but attractive name of the “Betsey Baker Hotel.” It was afterwards kept by Mr. Jones Emerson, and under his management it gained a most enviable reputation, for Mr. Emerson was known, by reputation at least, all over the county as a host who not only understood the science of good living, but knew so well how to keep a hotel that his house became one of the most popular in the State. So the present proprietor, Mr. Daniel K. Emerson, may be said to have “served his apprenticeship” at hotel keeping under most favorable auspices, for he was literally “born and brought up” in the business, as he was born in the Medford House and was associated with his uncle, Mr. Jones Emerson, during his proprietorship. Several changes in the ownership of the house have occurred since that time, but the present proprietor has always been engaged in hotel keeping and has had a long and varied experience in catering to patrons who want the best and who appreciate a service that is really first-class in all its departments. Mr. Emerson lately severed his connection with the Crawford House, Boston, in order to assume control of the hotel of which he is now proprietor. He is extremely well known, particularly in military circles, for he is Captain of the National Lancers, Boston, and has been a member of that company for eighteen years. The Medford House is located at Nos. 55 and 157 Main Street, but one minute's walk from the depot, electric cars passing the door, so a more easily accessible location could not be found. A spacious and excellently kept stable containing fourteen stalls is carried on in connection with the house for the accommodation of guests who come “over the road,” this being simply a boarding and baiting stable and no livery business being done, so the proper care of horses put up here is positively assured. The Hotel contains twenty guest rooms, six private dining-rooms and two dining-rooms where one hundred can be comfortably seated and properly accommodated on special occasions. The cuisine of the Medford House is excellent at all times, and a leading specialty is made of game suppers, that are here so cooked and so served that no verbal description can do them justice, for they must be not only seen but eaten to be appreciated.

C. H. DAY. Hack, Boarding and Livery Stable, No. 21 Salem Street, Medford, Mass. Carriages Furnished for Weddings, Funerals, etc. Particular Attention Paid to Boarding Horses.—One of Medford's popular and well-patronized establishments is that conducted by Mr. C. H. Day at No. 21 Salem Street. It is a first-class Hack, Boarding and Livery Stable, and in all its appointments is probably the best Stable between here and Boston. It was established by Mr. Day about 1872, hence he is a veteran in the business and has built up a very fine trade. The stable can accommodate about seventy-five horses, while its carriage floors are very extensive, for he does a large Boarding Business besides his Hack and Livery Department, for which he is finely equipped. First-class Carriages are furnished for Weddings, Funerals etc., while single or double teams can be had for business or pleasure driving, and such teams as Mr. Day furnishes are sure to afford pleasure to those that drive them, for he keeps good roadsters, and some especially for ladies' use either in carriage or saddle. His stable is connected by telephone 12-2 and is only a short distance from the Railroad Station.

F. W. MONTAGUE, Dealer in Staple and Fancy Groceries, Teas and Coffees, No. 5 High Street, Medford, Mass.—After visiting the store carried on by Mr. F. W. Montague it is easy to see why the establishment is very popular among all classes of purchasers, for it becomes evident on examination that the stock on hand is very carefully selected and comprises a full line of Staple and Fancy Groceries, Teas, Coffees, Flour, Butter, Cheese, Eggs, etc. Mr. Montague certainly ought to know pretty well what the Medford public want, for he is thoroughly experienced in his present business and has been identified with the establishment under his control since 1891. The premises occupied are located at No. 5 High Street and comprise one floor and basement each 1,320 square feet in dimensions, and are supplied with all necessary facilities for the accommodation of the stock and the serving of customers promptly and accurately. Groceries are offered in a variety of choice grades at exceptionally low rates, while all the many articles dealt in are fully guaranteed to prove as represented and are supplied at prices as low as the lowest. Three competent assistants are employed and all orders are accurately and promptly delivered. Mr. Montague is a native of Cambridge, Vt., and is well known and highly respected among Medford's progressive business men.

JAMES BEAN, Dealer in Coal, Wood, Hay, Straw and Grain, No. 42 Main Street, Medford, Mass.—Although the importance of a city or town as a trade centre is determined to a great extent by its advantages of location, etc., still the enterprise of the more prominent local merchant is a very important factor in the case, and it is but simple justice to say that a large portion of Medford's prosperity is due to the energy and integrity of her representative business men, prominent among which is Mr. James Bean, dealer in Coal, Wood, Hay, Straw and Grain. This gentleman carries on an enterprise inaugurated in 1857 by Mr. Samuel Joyce, and which has been under his able management since 1870. Mr. Bean is a native of England and is extremely well known throughout Medford. His business is principally retail in character and is located on Main Street, where over an acre of ground is utilized by him and nearly covered with buildings, coal and wood sheds, etc., for a large and complete stock of the above-named commodities is constantly carried, enabling the proprietor to fill orders without delay as well as at the lowest prices. Employment is given to ten assistants, and callers may safely depend upon receiving uniformly prompt and courteous service at all times.

A. F. CROCKER, Dry Goods, Small Wares, Gents' Furnishings, Paper Hangings, Window Shades, Picture Frames and Stationery, No. 4 High Street, Medford Square, Medford, Mass.—Most people think they can master nearly any business in five years, at the outside, and, as a matter of fact, a very clear understanding of almost any line of trade can be gained in that time, so that when we state that the business now carried on by Mr. A. F. Crocker was founded not only five years ago, but over eleven times five years, it goes without saying that it is an old and well-established one. This business was inaugurated in 1836 by Mr. Jonas Coburn; has been under the proprietorship of Mr. Crocker since 1889, and is in charge of Mr. A. S. Crowell as manager. Mr. Crowell has had some twenty years' experience in this line of business, fifteen years of it in one of the large Boston stores. This store is a branch of the one conducted by Mr. Crocker in person in Malden, located on Pleasant Street, but which is devoted to the sale of Window Shades, Wall Papers and Kindred House Furnishings, etc. The store occupied is located at No. 4 High Street, and is 1,500 square feet in dimensions with telephone connection; it contains a very skillfully selected stock, comprising Dry Goods, Small Wares, Gents' Furnishings, Paper Hangings, Window Shades, Picture Frames and Stationery, etc., in great variety. A fine line of Butterick's Patterns is carried, the stock recently having been doubled, so that now over a \$1,300 stock is constantly carried; about five hundred copies of Butterick's Monthly Pattern Sheets are distributed each month. The assortment of goods is constantly being renewed and always includes many late and attractive novelties, so that even those who are most particular about being "in style" can find goods here just suited to their needs, while the prices quoted are low enough to suit the most economically disposed, and will compare very favorably with those named at more pretentious stores on goods of equal merit. Four well-informed assistants are constantly employed, and customers are assured prompt and polite service, it being no trouble to show goods or quote prices at any time during business hours.

G. E. CARLTON, Dining Rooms and Catering, No. 13 Main Street, Medford, Mass.—With an experience of over twenty years supplying meals for the hungry, it would be surprisingly strange if Mr. G. E. Carlton did not know just what the public wanted in the eating line. The fact that he has continued the business in the same building, No. 13 Main Street, nearly opposite the B. & M. depot during all these years, is sufficient evidence of his success in this line if more was needed the proof would be abundant by partaking of his well cooked and well selected meals as furnished daily at his place of business. He employs two assistants, with extra help for the catering business. He furnishes single dinners at popular prices and regular table board at \$4.00 per week. If any one enjoys home-made food in preference to bakers' supplies he should patronize this place, everything is neatly and promptly served by a courteous assistant, while the surroundings afford the atmosphere of a home, instead of a public eating house. Special attention is given to orders for catering for public or private occasions.

DAVID J. CLARK, Successor to John Clark, Dealer in Choice Family Groceries, Confectionery, Tobacco and Cigars, Nos. 44 and 46 Main Street, Medford, Mass.—It is not always the largest stores that offer the most satisfactory service, and in fact, in many instances the opposite is the case, for at large establishments it is impossible for the proprietor to personally supervise the filling of every order, and employees who are not supervised are very apt to become careless, especially in their dealings with small buyers. Now, small buyers are entitled to just as prompt and polite attention as large ones, and hence we take pleasure in recommending to our readers, and particularly those who reside in Medford, the Grocery Store carried on by Mr. David J. Clark, at Nos. 44 and 46 Main Street, for here they will be courteously and justly treated, and may depend upon getting first-class goods at the lowest market rates. The stock constantly carried comprises a full assortment of Choice Family Groceries, Confectionery, Tobacco and Cigars; these goods being fresh and of such superior quality that the most fastidious tastes cannot fail to be suited. The premises cover an area of some 1,600 square feet, and are very neat and attractive in appearance. The establishment under consideration was originally founded by Mr. James Hyde, passed through several hands including John Clark, who was succeeded in 1892 by the present proprietor. Mr. David J. Clark is a native of the Provinces and well-known throughout Medford and vicinity. He makes a specialty of catering to family trade, and we strongly advise those of our readers wishing fresh and reliable goods in the above named lines to patronize his establishment.

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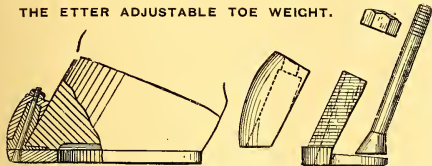
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GEORGE NICHOLS, Funeral Director, Undertaker and Embalmer, Office and Warerooms, No. 26 High Street; Residence, Corner South and Walnut Streets, Medford, Mass. Connected by Telephone.—There is no question but that a prompt, reliable, competent and economical undertaking service is a decided benefit to the public in general, and as that furnished by Mr. George Nichols, assisted by his sons, Mr. Geo. W. and Sidney O. Nichols, is unsurpassed in any and all of these respects, we need make no apology for directing the attention of our readers towards it. Although the question of price is one that there is a natural reluctance to consider in connection with the burial of the dead, the majority of us are so circumstanced that a consideration of it becomes an imperative duty to the living, and one of the principal reasons why we make prominent mention of the service afforded by Mr. Nichols is because the charges made by him are uniformly moderate. Mr. Nichols is one of the oldest and best known Funeral Directors, Undertakers and Embalmers in this vicinity, his office and warerooms being located at No. 26 High Street, and his residence at the corner of South and Walnut Streets. Orders left at either of these addresses or sent by mail or telephone are assured immediate and careful attention. Mr. Nichols is a native of Wilmington, Mass., and as he has carried on his present profession in Medford since 1864, is too well known here to render extended personal mention necessary. He is thoroughly familiar with all the many details of Funeral Undertaking, and is prepared to furnish everything required and to assume the entire charge of Funerals if desired. After so many years of constant attention and well-earned release from some of its cares, his sons, as before mentioned, attend largely to its details, Mr. George W. Nichols having the principal charge of same.

MEDFORD STEAM LAUNDRY, J. D. Bruce, Proprietor, No. 38 Salem Street, Medford, Mass.—The mechanical equipment of the Medford Steam Laundry, conducted by Mr. J. D. Bruce, is first class in every respect, it including the most improved type of laundry machinery and being sufficiently extensive to enable all work to be done promptly as well as thoroughly, while it is so carefully and skillfully handled that all injury to fabrics is avoided, and in this connection it is pertinent to note that no injurious bleaching fluid is used in this establishment, so that all danger of rotting even the most delicate goods is obviated. So careful and satisfactory a policy ought to receive substantial recognition from the public, and, as a matter of fact, it does, this Laundry being widely popular and its patronage steadily and rapidly increasing. The Medford Steam Laundry was opened to the public in 1889 by Messrs. Dame & Bruce, who now rank among our most active, energetic and popular local business men. The premises occupied are located at No. 38 Salem Street, and are 8,100 square feet in dimensions, being equipped with every requisite facility, including a 14-horse power engine and a 20-horse power boiler. Employment is given to thirty skilled and thoroughly reliable assistants, and the prices quoted on laundry work are very low considering the uniform excellence of the results attained, special attention being given to Gen's Linen and Ladies' Goods. Goods are called for and delivered, the service in this department being especially prompt and reliable at all times.

J. N. COWIN & CO., Successors to F. E. Chandler & Co., Dealers in Coal, Wood, Hay, Straw and Grain. Wood Sawn and Split to Order. No. 27 Riverside Avenue, Opp. Engine House, Medford, Mass. Telephone 26-2.—That an abundant and reliable supply of cheap coal is absolutely essential to success in manufacturing under existing and prospective conditions is a fact too obvious to require demonstration, and as this is the case it follows that the business carried on by Mr. J. N. Cowin & Co. is of paramount importance to Medford and the adjacent country, for Messrs. Cowin & Co. are successors to F. E. Chandler & Co. and deal in Coal and Wood of all kinds. A large proportion of these goods consumed in this section passes through his hands, they doing an extensive retail business, and carrying on operations on a liberal scale. Employment is given to five assistants, and nearly an acre of ground covered with buildings, coal and wood sheds, etc., these being equipped with the most improved facilities for the handling and storage of Coal and other bulky commodities, including Wood, Hay, Straw and Grain, also for the sawing and splitting of wood to order, the premises utilized being located at 27 Riverside Avenue, opposite the engine house. Messrs. Cowin & Co. are prepared to furnish all commodities dealt in at the lowest prevailing rates, and despite the magnitude of their business it is so carefully systematized that every order is assured prompt and careful attention, and this applies not only to orders for coal and wood, but also to all the above-named articles, and therefore the importance of the enterprise to the business interests of this section can hardly be over estimated.

THE ETTER ADJUSTABLE TOE WEIGHT.



HERBERT ETTER, Horse Shoer.

Over-Reaching, Interfering, and Tender-footed Horses Carefully Attended to; also False Quarters, Sand Cracks, Thrushes, Corns, etc. No. 25 Main Street, Medford, Mass. Branch at No. 183 Main Street.—The establishment conducted by Mr. Herbert Etter and located at No. 25 Main Street, Medford, was started in 1883, and from its inception has been in the hands of a good horse

shoer. Mr. Herbert Etter is a scientific, practical, theoretical, anatomical and experienced professional horse shoer. This takes in all the requirements to make up the necessary knowledge which a horseshoer should possess, and those owning horses may take them to his shop in perfect peace as to the work being properly executed. Over-Reaching, and Tender-Footed horses are carefully attended and humanely treated, also special attention paid to those animals suffering from False Quarters, Sand Cracks, Thrushes, Corns, etc. Mr. Etter's shop covers an area of 1,400 square feet and accommodates many horses at a time. Skilled workmen are the only ones employed, and five are kept the year round. The proprietor is the manufacturer of Etter's Adjustable Toe-Weight, and is also prepared to do all work in a neat, prompt and thoroughly satisfactory manner. We can safely recommend our readers to patronize this gentleman as they can rely on his superior workmanship and knowledge of his business. He has recently erected a Branch Horse Shoeing Shop at No. 183 Main Street, directly opposite the entrance to Mystic Park, for the accommodation of gentlemen attending the races and also the general public. He has also had built in connection with the shop a line of stalls, where persons attending the races or those desirous of having work done by him may at all times leave their horses with perfect safety, as there will be a reliable person in charge. The prices charged at this establishment are as low as any quoted in Medford, and the work executed second to none. Therefore the advantages to be derived by patronizing Mr. Herbert Etter's establishment are many and obvious. An idea of the scientific methods practiced by Mr. Etter in his profession may be gained from the following announcement that appears on his business card:

We use Dr. Roberge's Patent Hoof Expander, for the Cure and Prevention of Contraction, Quarter Cracks. Etc.

Specialty made of all lameness and diseases of the foot. Variety of Shoes and Expanders to rectify the gaits of horses and restore the foot to its natural shape. On account of the demand and beneficial results, we find it necessary to keep all sizes of Dr. Roberge's Hoof Expanders in stock. They will be applied by us in all sizes at \$2.00 per pair, and at each shoeing an extra charge of fifty cents will be made for resetting expanders.

DESCRIPTIVE SKETCH OF READING.



HERE are no communities in the State that can more truly be called "sister towns" than those of Reading, North Reading and Wakefield, for they were all originally within the limits of historic old Reading, and although more than eighty years have passed since the first division of the town was made they have as keen an interest as ever in each other's welfare and heartily unite in celebrations of the principal events in the old town's history. The grant of land comprising the present towns of Reading and Wakefield was made in 1639 and settlement was begun the same year, but it was not until 1644 that settlement had advanced sufficiently to warrant the incorporation of the place as a town, and the first settlement was made near the southern extremity of Lake Quanaowitt, or within the limits of what is now Wakefield, and was called Lynn Village, as the grant of land had been made to the town of Lynn and some of the most prominent early settlers came from there. But the act of incorporation changed the name from Lynn Village to Reading, the name being chosen in honor of Reading, England, as that was the birth-place of some of the pioneer settlers. The development of the new town proceeded but slowly, but yet more territory was desired, and in 1651 another grant of land was made, it being estimated to be two miles square and it constituting what is now North Reading. A description of the town, written in 1651, tells us that "Reading hath her habitation in the very centre of the country," and so indeed she had so far as New England was concerned, as the town was in the centre of the then settled part of this portion of the country. It had an area of about thirty square miles or about 18,000 acres, and this territory is now divided up as follows: Reading 5,941 acres; North Reading 7,649 acres, and Wakefield 4,568 acres. The business centre of Wakefield is ten miles from Boston, that of Reading is twelve miles and that of North Reading is fifteen miles; the central village of Reading being two and a half miles northwest from that of Wakefield and three miles southwest from that of North Reading, while the central village of the latter is five miles north from Wakefield Centre.

As the first church erected in the town was located on the Common, or at the southern end of what is now known as the Central Park of Wakefield, and the second church (built in 1688) was situated very near the site of the present magnificent Congregational Church in Wakefield, it was of course very difficult for those living in such then remote places as North Reading and the upper part of Reading to attend Divine worship, and they soon began to petition for authority to establish a church of their own. It is not positively known when the first settlement in North Reading was made, but in 1688 there were six families in that part of the town, and in 1696 the town voted "that when and as soon as that there is such a suitable and competent number of inhabitants settled on the tract of land aforesaid; that when they do call and settle and maintain a godly, learned, orthodox minister that they shall be free from paying to the minister or ministry in the town, or on the south side of Ipswich River, and that for so long as they do so." But seventeen years elapsed before the town considered it expedient to grant the long desired permission, for it was in 1713 that the inhabitants of that part of Reading lying north of Ipswich River and Bare Meadow were set off and incorporated as a separate and distinct parish by the name of the North Precinct of Reading; the land being practically that now within the bounds of North Reading. From this time until 1769 the

rest of the town was known as the Old Parish and Woodend,—the Old Parish being Wakefield and Woodend being Reading,—but the residents of Woodend finally secured from the General Court what the town (or more properly the Old Parish) would not grant them, and in 1769 they were incorporated as the West Parish of Reading. But divided as the different sections of the town were as to action concerning local affairs, they were prompt and earnest in uniting when it came to deciding upon what action should be taken just before and during the Revolution; and the record made by Reading from the beginning to the end of that war fully justifies the pride



WOBURN STREET, READING, LOOKING EAST.

taken in the old town by the thousands who make up the population of the three towns that have succeeded it. More than four hundred men were sent to the Continental army and an average of one hundred were kept in the field constantly during the war. The census of Massachusetts taken in 1776 makes Reading the second town in Middlesex County in population, it then having about 2,000 inhabitants, there being about seven hundred in Wakefield; six hundred in Reading, and seven hundred in North Reading. The second war with England divided the people of old Reading as surely as the first war united them, for although no section of the town failed to do all that it was called upon to do during the struggle, by far the greater portion of the inhabitants considered it unwise, and strongly denounced the administration for bringing it about. The Old Parish heartily advocated the war and the North and West Parishes strongly opposed it; the principal result of this decided difference of opinion being the setting off in 1812

of the Old Parish, and its incorporation as South Reading, which name was changed in 1868 to Wakefield. The population of Reading in 1810 was 2,228 and in 1820 it was but 1,800, as the setting off of South Reading took about 1,000 inhabitants from the old town. During the next decade no progress whatever was made, the population in 1830 being but 1,806, but from that time until the Rebellion the population steadily increased, it being 2,193 in 1840; 3,108 in 1850, and 2,652 in 1860. The apparent decrease



BIRDSEYE VIEW OF READING.

between 1850 and 1860 was due to the setting off of North Reading, which was incorporated in 1853, and in 1860 had a population of 1,193. The gain of about fifty per cent. in population from 1840 to 1850 was largely due to the extension of the Boston and Maine Railroad from Boston to Wilmington, but Reading would not have profited by that extension were it not for the prompt and liberal action of some of the residents of this town and of South Reading, for the original intention was to make the extension by way of Woburn. At first the trains run by the Boston and Main Railroad passed over the Boston and Lowell Railroad from Wilmington to

Boston, but in 1843 movements were begun to extend the Boston and Maine road, and it would have passed through Woburn and given Reading no facilities at all had not some of the more prominent residents taken such steps as to prove to the satisfaction of the railroad company and the legislature that the route via Reading was by far the more desirable and beneficial to all parties concerned. It was on the afternoon of July 1st, 1845, that the first train passed over the new road; that train starting from Portland and being given a cordial reception when it reached Reading, for the people knew that the growth of the town had been most seriously hindered by the lack of railway facilities, and that the providing of them opened a new era in the old town's history. The original railroad station at Reading had more the appearance of a depot than a station, for it enclosed both tracks; was more than one hundred feet long, and was not only the largest but the best and most convenient station on the Boston and Maine. Our railroads have made great improvements in stations, in road-beds, in rails and in rolling stock since those days, but they have made no very radical improvements in rates of fare, excepting for passage between distant points, for suburban fares are now about the same as ever. Originally, the fare from Reading to Boston was thirty cents, but it was soon reduced to twenty-five cents, and packages of fifty tickets were sold at the rate of twelve and a half cents a ticket. A striking illustration of the oft-mentioned fact that our ancestors were not so hurried as we are in modes of doing business is afforded by the character of the freight and express service between Reading and Boston prior to 1820. It was furnished by Mr. Ebenezer Emerson, and his team consisted of two yokes of oxen and a horse. "He usually started for Boston in the afternoon, stopping at Charlestown for the night, went into the city the next morning, gathered up his load and returned to Reading before he slept, unless he slept by the way, for he often did not reach home until midnight. He sometimes spent a day extra on the way doing a job of plowing or other team work for persons who desired his help."

The first post-office in Reading was opened in 1811, and for many years one mail a day from Boston was brought by stage over the turnpike, now Main Street. It is said that stages were the only things that were in a hurry those days, and certainly the Reading stage wasted no time, for when it reached the top of the hill in the south part of town, in sight of the village, an enormous tin horn was utilized and a tremendous blast was given as a signal for having another set of horses ready so that no avoidable delay would be made.

Reading and North Reading made a most honorable showing during the Rebellion, and in this connection it is fitting that mention should be made of a fact that is not generally known,—"the historical honor belongs to Reading of giving birth to the first Female Anti-slavery Society ever formed in this country." We enclose that assertion with quotation marks because it is taken from a letter written in 1874 by Wm. Lloyd Garrison; certainly an unimpeachable authority on the subject of anti-slavery. The society was organized March 22nd, 1833, and—to again quote from Mr. Garrison's letter—"was very active and efficient. For some time Reading continued to be 'the banner town' in the anti-slavery conflict." In this town was also formed the first male society auxiliary to the New England Anti-slavery Society; it being organized March 13th, 1833. It is practically impossible for the present generation to realize the courage and perseverance that were required by those who faired and supported the anti-slavery movement in its early days, for more than a third of a century has passed since opposition to that movement in the North ceased, but older inhabitants and students of history will agree that the pioneer advocates of freedom were as brave and fearless in their action as they were noble in their purpose.

At the outbreak of the Rebellion there was but one military organization in the towns of Reading, North Reading and South Reading,—the Richardson Light Guard, which had its armory and headquarters at South Reading, but contained members from the other portions of the old

town. April 19th, 1861, the alarm was sounded on the town bell that summoned the members of the company to the armory to equip for a journey to Washington, and that afternoon they set forth on their perilous mission and were soon engaged in service that was active indeed, for the company took part in the first battle of Bull Run, and were stationed in Virginia, where they did most efficient service in the protection of the national capital. Both Reading and North Reading furnished more men than they were asked to do; and the soldiers from these towns took part in the most active campaigns, the nature of the service they rendered



THE COMMON, READING.

being indicated by the fact that fifty of the men from Reading alone lost their lives on the field, in hospital, or in prison.

The census figures for 1860 and 1865 afford conclusive evidence that the towns were severely tested and tried during the war, for in 1860 the population of Reading was 2,662; in 1865 it was 2,436. The population of North Reading in 1860 was 1,193; in 1865 it was 987. The experience of the Readings since the close of the Rebellion has been much the same as that of practically all the other suburban manufacturing towns. First there was a period of abnormal activity, during which existing industries were greatly stimulated and many new establishments opened; then a period of depression which extended all over the country, and finally a gradual but permanent improvement which is becoming more pronounced every year in those towns which, like Reading, offer exceptional advantages as places of residence. The continuance of the

present prosperity of this beautiful town is far from being entirely dependent upon its residential advantages, for manufacturing is largely carried on here and the representative houses produce goods that have a national reputation and are acknowledged to be unsurpassed by any in the market. Nor is this merely a general statement without definite meaning. Reading church organs, Reading shoes and Reading organ pipes and organ fixtures are known all over the country as goods that are accepted as the standard by which others are judged; and the great demand for them necessitates the utilization of extensive plants, and the employment of a large force of experienced and skilled assistants. Infants' shoes and dolls' shoes are the specialties of Reading, so far as footwear is concerned, and many of the most original and attractive styles have been first put upon the market by Reading manufacturers. The manufacture of patented machinery and mechanical appliances is another important industry here; and cabinet making, furniture manufacturing and carriage building are also largely carried on. There are many spacious and well equipped factories in the town and; the simple fact that by far the largest and most elaborate of them all has but just been completed, affords significant evidence that the industrial prospects of Reading are very favorable. The street floor of the building is devoted to spacious stores, each of which has a great plate-glass front, and the structure may fairly be considered as typical of the Reading of to-day, for it is "fully up to the times" in every detail, and offers opportunity for the carrying on of industry and trade under the most favorable conditions.



BLACK'S BLOCK.

The residential advantages of the town are many and decided; and it is not necessary to present a dry array of figures in order to demonstrate the fact that they are generally appreciated and are being largely utilized, for no one can stroll about the town without being impressed by the number of new and handsome residences, and without being made aware of the fact that Reading has grown a good deal of late years and is improving in appearance as well as in population. Reading station is twelve miles from Boston by way of the Boston and Maine Railroad, and nearly all the business establishments of the town, with the exception of some large factories, are located on the east side of the railroad, for the greater part of Reading Village is situated on the gently rising ground on that side of the track. But there are many residences, and some very handsome ones, to the west of the railroad, and this part of the village is developing steadily and will probably experience a decided "boom" when the completion of the projected electric street railway renders even the remotest parts of it easily accessible. The land upon both sides of the railroad near the Reading Highlands station, which is half a mile from Reading station, has been largely utilized for building purposes during the past decade, and some of

the estates in this section rank among the handsomest in town. It is really difficult to make choice of a building site in or near Reading Village, for the various sections all have advantages of their own, and all offer the attractions incidental to suitable elevation, pure air, excellent drainage and beautiful scenery. Reading has always been a very healthful town, and its healthfulness has not been impaired by the abuse of natural advantages in the carrying on of manufactures. The water service is excellent, both as regards quality and quantity, and the standpipe is so elevated that the pressure in the mains is sufficient to throw a stream over almost any building in town. The Reading standpipe is a most distinguished exception to the general rule, for it is as ornamental as it is useful, and its conspicuous position and really artistic shape and coloring combine to make it one of the most prominent and yet most satisfactory features of a very beautiful portion of the suburbs. Of this it has been well said: "It dominates the surrounding edifices of the town with something of the grace and majesty of a great cathedral tower in an old-world city." And so indeed it does, but it does not belittle them, as it is situated apart from the village on a hill not occupied by any other high structure.

In some respects Reading differs from the average modern suburban town, and probably may be regarded as rather "slow" by some of our readers, for its streets are not lit by electricity and there is not an electric road or any other kind of street railway within its limits. But there soon will be both electric cars and electric lights. There could have been long ago, but the people have not been disposed to act hastily in the matter, for they want the best, and they are aware that "applied electricity" is a most progressive science; so they considered it expedient to wait a while and profit by the experience of others. The time for decisive action has arrived, and before the end of the year efficient street car service and electric lighting will be numbered among the Reading "institutions."

It is unnecessary to go into detail concerning the social, educational and other advantages of the town, for they are such as one naturally expects to find in a typical New England community, situated near Boston and controlled by men who have every reason to make it as thoroughly satisfactory a place of residence as circumstances will allow. That they are succeeding in doing so is indicated most forcibly by the steadiness and character of the increase in population; and there is no room for doubt that Old Reading has fairly entered upon what is destined to be a long era of true prosperity.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS MEN

OF

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WM. NOKES' SALE STABLE, Dealer in Canada Horses, Corner Main and Washington Streets, Reading, Mass.—The establishment conducted by Mr. Wm. Nokes is of interest to those who wish to buy horses, for Mr. Nokes deals in nothing but Canada Horses of all kinds, from the best of Gentlemen's Drivers to Heavy Draught Horses, and is prepared to give big value for money received every time. Some of our readers who have never had dealings with him may think this latter statement somewhat exaggerated, but let them remember that "the proof of the pudding is in the eating," and not definitely make up their minds on the matter until they have given Mr. Nokes a call and found out for themselves what he is in a position to do; we have no fear but what they will then agree that our assertion is correct. Mr. Nokes is a native of New York, State and opened his present establishment in 1878. Spacious premises are occupied on the corner of Main and Washington Streets, comprising a Stable 100x30 feet in size and a Carriage House 100x17 feet. He keeps a large assortment of Horses always on hand, usually from forty to sixty, suitable for all purposes. Lack of space forbids our making more extended mention of the sale business, but suffice it to say Mr. Nokes is always in a position to sell you a good horse at a fair price, and that when you buy of him you can safely depend upon getting an animal that will prove as represented. These Canada Horses are hardy and acclimated and ready for service. He gives as good reliable bargains as any dealer in the State. Four competent assistants are kept employed all the time.

M. A. STONE, Dealer in Choice Family Groceries, Fine Teas, Coffees, Sugar, Molasses, Soap, Salt, Rice, Crackers, Cigars, Flour, Grain, Meal, Bundle Hay, Crockery, Wooden, and Tin Hardware, Fluid Paints, Oils, Varnishes, Shot, Etc., Main Street, Reading, Mass.—It requires no small amount of ability and experience to carry on a retail store successfully in these days of close competition, critical tastes and small profits, even when but one or two lines of goods are handled, and of course the task becomes much more difficult when general merchandise is dealt in, for a fairly accurate knowledge of each of an almost endless number of commodities is required in order to properly conduct such an establishment. It is perfectly safe to assume that such knowledge is possessed by Mr. M. A. Stone; at all events, he carries on one of the most popular stores in this section, and his stock is exceptionally large and very skillfully chosen. It includes Choice Family Groceries, Fine Teas, Coffees, Sugar, Rice, Soap, Molasses, Cigars, Flour, Grain, Meal, Hay, Crockery, Wooden and Tin Hardware, Paints, Oils, Varnishes, Shot, etc., and in fact everything usually found in a first-class country store; the prices are as attractive as the goods, they being as low as the lowest in every instance. Mr. Stone has carried on this business since 1875, so it is hardly necessary to say he is universally known throughout this vicinity. He is a native of Rutland, Mass., and the premises occupied are located on Main Street and comprise two floors 90x18 and 70x18 feet, with a basement or cellar 30x18 feet in size, and a storehouse attached for Farm Implements. Four assistants are kept busy all the time.

H. H. HOWARD, Real Estate and Commission Broker; Office, No. 51 Haven Street, Reading, Mass.—In a review of the leading business men of Reading special mention should be made of Mr. H. H. Howard, for he has an office here, at No. 51 Haven Street, and his transactions as a Real Estate and Commission Broker largely have to do with property in this town and vicinity. Mr. Howard is a native of Leeds, Me., and is very well known in Reading, he having begun operations here in 1890. The service he offers is attractive alike to those who wish to buy and to those who wish to sell; to those who wish to loan and to those who wish to borrow; for Mr. Howard is prepared to render valuable assistance in the buying, selling, exchanging, and renting of Real Estate; to buy and sell, not only real estate but business chances of all descriptions for cash or on commission, and to loan money on collateral security. Property will be rented, collections promptly made and accounted for, and the entire charge of estates assumed if desired. Trust funds will be carefully invested, and, in short, all the many duties devolving upon a general real estate agent and commission broker are assured skillful and painstaking performance. Mr. Howard does a large business, and it is steadily and rapidly increasing.

S. PORTER & SON, Dealers in Men's and Boys' Clothing and Furnishing Goods, First Floor, Black's Block, Haven Street, Reading, Mass.—It is a well-known fact that "hind-sight" is much more common than foresight, for the average individual is much more apt to say, "I told you so" after a thing has happened than he is to say, "It will be so" before it is an accomplished fact; all the same it is not always difficult to prophesy correctly, but we feel confident that our prediction will be verified by the facts when we predict the permanent success of the enterprise recently established by Messrs. S. Porter & Son. This firm began operations in January, 1893, and is made up of Messrs. S. and Lorey F. Porter, both of whom are too well known here in Reading to make extended personal mention at all necessary. Mr. S. Porter is a native of Nova Scotia, and his son was born in Reading, Mr. S. Porter having resided here many years and having long been one of the town's active business men. As his old established business requires his personal superintendence, the new business is under the direct management of Mr. Lorey F. Porter, and if energy, integrity and hard work are sure to achieve success there is no possible room for doubt that decided success will be attained. The firm are dealers in Men's and Boys' Clothing and Furnishing Goods and carry a very carefully selected stock of these goods at their store, on the first floor of Black's Block, Haven Street. This stock is not very large so far as mere size is concerned, but it is remarkably complete and is exceptionally "clean,"—that is to say, there is not an article in it that is a "back number," that is not seasonable and stylish and that is not worth every cent asked for it. "A word to the wise is sufficient," and all we will add is that business is done on a cash basis and prices are correspondingly low; that this firm sells goods on their merits or not at all, and that callers are assured prompt and polite attention whether they wish to buy or simply to "look around," for this stock will bear inspection and the firm want the public to examine the goods, note the prices, and then use their own judgment in regard to placing an order.

S. W. BOWKER, Contractor. Boarding and Livery Stable, Light and Heavy Teaming a Specialty. Linden Street, near Haven Street, Reading, Mass.—There is room for difference of opinion on about every subject, but we doubt if any one conversant with the facts in the case will deny that Mr. S. W. Bowker is "the right man in the right place," for he carries on a business that demands good management more than it demands anything else, and he carries it on so well that no one but a "chronic kicker" would think of finding fault with the results attained. Of course, as Mr. Bowker is human, and as he has human beings and not angels working for him, mistakes are made once in a while, but they are cheerfully and promptly corrected if possible, and, if not, why "it is made all right" some other way; so one can safely depend upon being satisfied when he does business with Mr. Bowker, who is a native of Mount Desert, Me., and began business in Reading in 1888. He is a contractor; is prepared to furnish a livery and teaming service; to supply hacks and barges equipped with good horses and competent drivers; to move buildings and machinery; to move pianos and furniture; to make and clean wells, cisterns, vaults and cess-pools and to do excavating, grading and stonemason work. The Office and Stable is on Linden Street, near Haven Street, where a large new building has recently been erected for the especial accommodation of his business, so that he has every facility for the boarding of horses as well as for caring for transient teams. All orders are assured prompt and careful attention, for employment is given to about fifteen competent assistants; the facilities are first-class in every respect, and Mr. Bowker personally supervises the various departments of the business.

WM. H. BANCROFT, Painter and Glazier, Gould Street, Reading, Mass.—Every one of average intelligence knows that it pays to keep a frame house well painted in our destructive climate, but every one does not know that the manner in which paint is applied has a great deal to do with the durability of the job, or at least one would judge such was the case from the carelessness shown by many in placing orders for such work. A poor painter will generally use poor stock and with poor workmanship make the most expensive combination there is, for the result is neither useful nor ornamental and is dear at any price. Mr. Wm. H. Bancroft holds a high reputation as a skillful and thoroughly reliable Painter and Glazier, and this reputation is well deserved, for this gentleman uses good stock, employs only skillful assistants, understands his business thoroughly and attains results that are satisfactory in every respect. Mr. Bancroft is a native of Reading and began his present business here some years ago. His shop is located on Gould Street, and his facilities are such as to enable him to fill all orders at very short notice at the lowest prices consistent with good workmanship and the use of thoroughly dependable stock.

BOSTON BRANCH GROCERY, J. W. Kierstead & Sons, Proprietors, Bank Building, Reading, Mass.—The Boston Branch Grocery has been under the control of the present proprietors, Messrs. T. W. Kierstead & Sons, but a comparatively short time, but still long enough to show the public that it is in energetic and reliable hands and that the announcement made by the firm when they assumed control was fully justified by the facts. They said: "Our desire is to please in price, quality of goods and in prompt and courteous service, and to that end we will devote our energies." Certainly they have thus far succeeded in pleasing in price, quality and service, and as a natural consequence the Boston Branch Grocery in not only very popular but is steadily gaining in patronage. A very large and varied stock is carried, it comprising all staple groceries and a most carefully selected assortment of what are generally called Fancy Groceries, such as First-class Canned Goods, Table Relishes, Choice Teas and Coffees, Strictly Pure Spices, etc. Meats and Provisions also form an attractive branch of this trade. A specialty is made of farm produce; and in this connection it is worthy of note that the members of the firm are from Maine, and that the farm produce—including Butter, Hay, Grain, etc.—is brought direct from Maine farms and is warranted to be first quality. The arrangements for the collection and delivery of orders are very efficient, two order wagons being used and orders being called for and delivered free of charge. Special care is taken to fill orders received at residences as satisfactorily as those received at the store, as many housekeepers have not time to do marketing.

R. B. WRIGHT, Sale and Boarding Stable, Canada Horses, Main Street, Reading, Mass.—The first important problem, and indeed the most important one, that confronts him who would maintain a private equipage is, "Where shall my horse and carriage be kept?" for in the majority of instances it is quite out of the question to think of keeping them on one's own premises. Every one at all acquainted with horses knows that not only the comfort of the animal but also the enjoyment of the master depends in a great measure on the way in which the horse is fed and otherwise cared for, and, therefore, we may say the question to secure to him proper treatment and food becomes of paramount importance. There are doubtless other reliable establishments in Reading where horses and carriages will be properly used, but we are sure there are none in which more pains are taken to satisfy patrons than in that conducted by Mr. R. B. Wright, on Main Street. This establishment was founded by him in 1858, from which it will be seen that he has had thirty-five years' experience in this business here in Reading and has met with a high degree of success, as he has handled over ten thousand horses during that time, and at the present time is doing a larger business than ever. Mr. Wright is a native of Littleton, Mass., and is well known as a good judge of a horse, and as a man who will not stand by and see one abused if he is able to prevent it. He conducts a Sale and Boarding Stable, making a specialty of Canadian Horses suitable for any class of service. The Stable occupied comprises one building 120x30 feet in size, and particular care is given to Private Teams, the stalls being clean and well ventilated.

M. F. CHARLES, Jeweler, Dealer in Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Silverware and Optical Goods, Reading, Mass.—Argument is not necessary to establish the fact that the most expert judge of jewelry, silverware, etc., may be deceived when he has to judge from appearances alone, and hence it is obvious that experienced as well as inexperienced purchasers must depend upon the representations of those with whom they deal. Under these circumstances the folly of buying jewelry and silverware of unknown dealers becomes evident, and those who allow themselves to be taken in by the seductive advertisements of pretentiously named "Watch Companies," "Jewelry Syndicates," etc., have but little claim to the sympathy of sensible people. A good example of a judiciously chosen assortment of Jewelry, Watches, Clocks, Silverware, Optical Goods and Stationery, etc., may be seen at the store conducted by Mr. M. F. Charles, for he has had many years' experience in this line of business, and not only offers desirable goods in large variety, but quotes bottom prices. He is a native of Frysburg, Me., and began his present enterprise here in 1859. The premises occupied comprise one floor 30x20 feet and one reliable assistant is employed. All interested readers would do well to examine these goods before purchasing elsewhere. Mr. Charles also is agent for the daily and weekly papers and carries a line of weekly and monthly Periodicals, Stationery, Confectionery and Cigars.

W. BANCROFT, Dealer in Coal, Lumber, Lime, Cement, Drain Pipe, Lead, Zinc, Hardware, Etc., Reading, Mass.—The enterprise conducted by Mr. W. Bancroft is of the very first importance to the residents of Reading and vicinity, for he deals in a variety of standard commodities and quotes such low prices that a good deal of money can be saved by placing orders with him. He solicits a trial order from those wishing anything in his line, and feels confident that in many cases he can enable customers to save money. This enterprise was founded in 1877 by Messrs. Bancroft & Temple, they being succeeded in 1880 by the present proprietor, who is a native of this town and, of course, very well and favorably known. The premises utilized are located on corner of Woburn and Washington Streets and comprise two buildings for storage 60x25 and 17x80 feet in size, together with a third building two floors 23x20 feet and a store two floors 18x32 feet. A very heavy stock is carried comprising Coal, Lumber, Lime, Cement, Drain Pipe, Zinc, Hardware, etc., together with Builders' Materials, Paints and Oils, enabling the most extensive wholesale or retail orders to be filled without delay. Employment is given to six assistants and all goods are delivered in the compact part of the town free. Orders by mail or telephone are assured immediate and careful attention, while Mr. Bancroft makes it a rule to deliver goods promptly at the time promised, and no small share of his success can be traced to this practice.

CUMMINGS' READING EXPRESS, James P. Clement, Proprietor, Reading, Mass.—One of the oldest and most reliable express companies in this part of the State is the one known as "Cummings' Reading Express," which was founded in 1872 by H. L. Cummings, and carried on by him till 1885, when he was succeeded by Messrs. Beal & Clement, and they by James P. Clement. The different offices are situated at Nos. 15 Devonshire Street, 34 Court Square, Boston, and Haven Street, Black's Block, Reading, leaving the Boston Offices at 11 A. M. and 3 P. M. daily, and the latter at 8.28 A. M. and 2 and 5 P. M. Orders can be sent to any of these localities and will be promptly attended to. There are three daily deliveries each way between Reading and Boston, and all goods are delivered to or from Boston with promptness. This firm have a complete stock of Furniture Vans and Trucks suitable for Moving Pianos, Furniture of any kind and Household Goods or Baggage. They employ seven men and keep a full supply of horses. All moving is done in the most careful manner by men who are trustworthy and experienced, and who are competent to pack the most delicate china and glass in a thoroughly satisfactory manner. Estimates are given when desired for all kinds of moving and the prices will be found moderate.

H. K. AUSTIN, Hot Water and Steam Engineer; Also Gas Piping and Practical Plumbing, Pipe Fittings, Pumps, Hose, Plumbers' Supplies and all Kinds of Machinery For Sale. Machine and Repair Shop. Prescott Street, Reading, Mass.—A review of the active business men of Reading which made no mention of Mr. H. K. Austin would be, to say the least, decidedly incomplete, for—to speak plainly—Mr. Austin is most emphatically a "hustler," and if he isn't an "active" business man, then there isn't one in this progressive town. He is a native of South Berwick, Me., began business in Reading in 1888, and has built up a large trade,—not only as a dealer in Pipe Fittings, Plumbing Apparatus, Pumps, Hose, all kinds of Machinery, and last, but by no means least, Bicycles, but also a Hot Water and Steam Engineer, as a Practical Plumber and Gas Fitter and as a General Machinist. The fact is, Mr. Austin does not consider anything too large or too small for him to tackle. He will furnish and put in a hot water or steam heating plant that will heat a small house or a big factory completely, safely and with the smallest possible consumption of fuel and the least possible attendance; he will do large or small jobs of plumbing, steam and gas fitting; he will sharpen your lawn mower, supply you with a hose, a nozzle, a reel, or a filterer; repair your bicycle; sell you a new or second-hand one at bottom rates; in short, he is prepared to accommodate you in many ways and to do it at the lowest rates consistent with really satisfactory accommodations. He utilizes spacious premises, located on Prescott Street, and mail orders or any communications addressed to Lock Box 62, Reading, are assured prompt and careful attention. Estimates on hot water, steam heating and plumbing will be furnished free on application, and the many important jobs he has done in Reading and vicinity prove that his work but will bear investigation.

WILLIAM B. JEFFREY, Florist, Cut Flowers and Plants, No. 17 Federal Street, Reading, Mass. Funeral Designs a Specialty.—It is a gratifying fact that the demand for cut flowers, floral decorations, emblems and plants is steadily increasing in this country, although it has been extensive for ten years and more; and it is gratifying, because if anything surely indicates good taste, refinement and a wholesome regard for the feelings of others, it is the use of flowers in the expression of congratulation, respect, sympathy and the many other feelings which it is difficult to express in words. Among those who have done much to extend the appreciation of flowers and plants in Reading and vicinity, a prominent position is held by Mr. William B. Jeffrey, who is an Englishman by birth, but has long resided in this country, and began operations as a florist here in Reading in 1884. He deals extensively in Cut Flowers and Plants, both at wholesale and retail, and utilizes four spacious greenhouses, each of which is very completely equipped, so that the quantity as well as the quality of the plants and flowers grown is worthy of special note. Perhaps the most important feature of the business is that of Floral Emblems, for Mr. Jeffrey makes a specialty of Funeral Designs and is prepared to furnish either any special design called for or to supply original designs of any kind from the most simple to the most elaborate. Seasonable notice, of course, assures the most satisfactory results, but the facilities are such as to enable even extensive orders generally to be filled at very short notice.

NATHAN BANCROFT, Manufacturer of Misses' and Children's Hand Sewed Boots and Shoes, Reading, Mass.—The business carried on by Mr. Nathan Bancroft was founded more than a score of years ago and has been under the sole control of the present proprietor almost from the very first, for operations were begun by Messrs. Cook & Bancroft in 1872, and Mr. Nathan Bancroft became sole proprietor in 1874. He is a native of Reading and is extremely well known in both business and social circles throughout this vicinity. As a manufacturer of Misses' and Children's Hand Sewed Boots and Shoes Mr. Bancroft utilizes two floors measuring 40x24 feet, and an attic of about the same dimensions, the latter being used for storage purposes. He sells at both wholesale and retail, and the residents of Reading—who certainly ought to know from experience just what Mr. Bancroft's goods are—agree in saying that the footwear made at his factory is very hard to equal and impossible to excel by any that can be pointed out in the market offered at similar prices. The store is located on Main Street; callers are assured prompt and courteous attention, while the assortment of sizes and widths is so complete that a perfect fit is almost certain to be obtained.



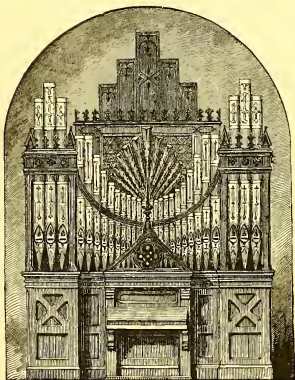
R. DEXTER TEMPLE, Auctioneer and Real Estate Agent,

Sales of Real Estate Effected and Rents Collected at Reasonable Rates. Funeral Director, Practical Undertaker, and Embalmer.

Residence, Prospect St. [P. O. Box 510]; Office, P. O. Square, Reading, Mass.

The name of Mr. R. Dexter Temple can by no means be unfamiliar to the residents of Reading and adjoining towns, for he has been for a quarter of a century prominently connected with the public as Auctioneer, Real Estate Agent and Undertaker, and has long since developed a very important business; Auction Sales of Real Estate and Personal Property are given prompt and faithful attention in any locality desired in the State. Mr. Temple is an acknowledged leader in this special line. He buys, sells, rents or exchanges Real Estate in Reading and vicinity, cares for property, collects rents, secures or rents residences, and his reputation being ample, guarantee that in the future as in the past he will carefully guard the interests of his patrons. Mr. Temple is also an Undertaker and Embalmer and is prepared to take entire charge of Funerals, furnishing everything desired and attending to every detail required, thus relieving

the friends of all care and anxiety concerning the details and ceremony of the occasion. Mr. Temple is a native of Reading and actively interested in its public as well as business affairs. The premises occupied are located on Post Office Square, and comprise two floors 20x45 feet in size, where he constantly carries a carefully chosen stock of Caskets, Coffins, Burial Robes, etc., and is prepared to furnish flowers made up in any design for funeral decorations. Hearses, Hacks and Carriages are also furnished. He takes care of lots in Laurel Hill Cemetery and receives orders for Monuments and Gravestones. His residence is at No. 7 Prospect Street. Orders left day or night at his office or residence will receive immediate and courteous attention and his charges are always moderate.



SAMUEL PIERCE, Manufacturer of Metal and Wood Organ Pipes and Organ Material, Reading, Mass.—Mr. Samuel Pierce was born in Hebron, Ct., in 1819, but he is a son of Massachusetts by adoption at least, for he came to Reading in 1837 and has carried on business here for nearly half a century. He has been prominent in public as well as in business life, having served on the Reading Board of Selectmen and represented the town in the Legislature. He began the business in a small way in the cell part of his house and gradually developed it until as a manufacturer of Metal and Wood Organ Pipes and Organ Material, Mr. Pierce is unquestionably almost universally known, not only because his business was established away back in 1847, but also because it is of great magnitude, he carrying on the largest factory for the production of Organ Pipes in this country. But its output is even more remarkable for its quality than its quantity. From the very first Mr. Pierce has made it an invariable rule to furnish only the very highest grade of work, and the uniform excellence of it has gained for it so high a reputation that the simple fact that Organ Pipes or Material were made by him is accepted as satisfying evidence that they are—to say the least—equal to the best the market affords. His productions are shipped to all parts of the Union, to Canada and Jamaica. The metals used are zinc and a composition of pure tin and lead, never being adulterated with other metals; all the pipes are of good weight, special care being taken to have the thickness suited to the requirements of the tone in the various stops. The workmanship is the very best in every respect, and the voicing is done by men of great experience and skill, who have not only the ability but the determination to meet the tastes and requirements of even the most critical as regards quality and strength of tone. The Wood Pipes manufactured by Mr. Pierce are made of thorough-

ly seasoned, re-sawed, clear Michigan pine, shelled, and every detail of the workmanship is thoroughly first-class. Some eighteen years ago Mr. Pierce began to make a specialty of supplying nearly all kinds of Church Pipe Organ Materials, such as Keys, Pedals, various Action Parts, Tapped and Plain Wires, Tuners' Tools, etc. and has built up a very extensive business in this department alone. A specialty is also made of the Gilding, Silvering, Bronzing and Decoration of Front Pipes, and the results attained are such as to give entire satisfaction to even the most critical. Mr. Pierce employs more than fifty experienced men, the majority of whom are skilled workmen; this fact, taken in connection with the magnitude and complete equipment of his factory, which is two and three stories, affording about 14,000 square feet of floor space, goes far to explain his success in filling orders at comparatively short notice despite the extent and variety of his business. Mr. Pierce has been ably assisted in the development of his business by Mr. Thomas R. Todd, who has had charge of the correspondence and office work for more than twenty-one years. The foregoing sufficiently indicates how prominent and important a factor Mr. Pierce and his enterprise has been to the growth and development of the Town of Reading.

W. S. BICKFORD, Dealer in Drugs, Medicines, Toilet and Fancy Articles, Daily, Weekly and Sunday Papers, Black's Block, opposite depot, Reading, Mass.—It is very natural that particular confidence should be placed in a druggist who is thoroughly educated in his business, for although we are happy to say that the large majority of our Massachusetts' pharmacists are educated, competent and reliable men, still there is a prevailing impression that he who fills such a responsible and exacting position as that held by a dispenser of drugs and medicines to the general public cannot know too much concerning the properties and effect of the agents he handles, consequently the popularity of the establishment conducted by Mr. W. S. Bickford, in this town, is not to be wondered at in the least. He is a native of Portland, Me., and began operations here in 1891, having succeeded to the business founded by W. Danforth in 1877. The premises occupied comprise one floor 25x30 feet in size, and contain a large and varied stock made up of Drugs, Medicines, Toilet and Fancy Articles, etc. The compounding of Physicians' Prescriptions is given the most careful personal attention, and we need hardly say that no trouble is spared to avoid the least possible error. A careful assistant is employed and polite attention is given every caller. The daily newspapers can always be found at this store.

CHAS. W. GRIFFITHS, Manufacturer of Metal Organ Pipes of every description, Haven Street, Near Depot, Reading, Mass.—As the manufacture of Pipe Organs, or what are generally called "church" organs, is one of the most prominent of Reading's industries, it is natural that so important a tributary industry as that of metal organ pipe manufacturing should be successfully carried on here, as organ making, like about all other great industries, is divided up into specialties, and this is certainly as important a specialty as there is connected with the business. Mr. Griffiths is a native of Boston, and began operations here in Reading in 1889. As the Reading organ pipes are noted for their excellent of tone, the fact that his enterprise has been a success from the start, may be accepted as convincing evidence that the productions of Mr. Griffiths will "hold their own in any company," as the saying is, and certainly they ought to do so, as he is experienced and skilled in organ pipe making, has a well equipped shop, employs thoroughly competent assistants and gives personal attention to the filling of every order. Commissions are promptly executed, and no work is knowingly allowed to leave the shop that is not fully up to the standard in every respect.

FRANCIS BARTLEY, Dealer in Clothing Furnishing Goods, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Etc., Reading, Mass.—Mr. Francis Bartley has been engaged in business in this town for twenty years. He is a native of Windham, N. H., and when he chose Reading as the locality for his business enterprise he showed both wisdom and foresightedness. The house was established in 1871, but the present proprietor did not assume control until 1873. It soon became popular in this town and vicinity, and with each year the custom has increased, and with it the prosperity of the proprietor. Mr. Bartley does a purely retail business as a Clothier and Gents' Furnisher. He has a fine stock of Ready Made Clothing, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes and Furnishing Goods, Etc. It is undoubtedly more satisfactory to wear custom made clothing, but many persons find that ready made articles are brought to such a state of perfection in these days, that such garments not only fit well but do good service and are less expensive. The premises utilized, comprise one floor 40 x 22 feet in size, and are attractively and especially fitted up for this trade. Two competent assistants are employed. Gentlemen will find here the finest selection to choose from of Clothing, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes and Furnishing Goods.

R. A. WHITE'S, Livery, Boarding and Sales Stables, Corner Gould and Ash Streets, Reading, Mass.—The time has gone by when the worst tasting medicine was supposed to be the most effectual in overcoming disease in fact, many people have become convinced that medicine is an excellent thing to leave alone as much as possible, and they have learned to depend more upon nature and less on drugs when finding themselves a little under the weather." There is no question but that many who suffer from headache, indigestion and other common troubles would get more good out of healthful out-door diversions than they can out of drug stores, and of these none is more generally beneficial than driving—a good horse and a comfortable carriage are capable of affording a great deal of enjoyment and doing wonders toward increasing one's appetite and general well being. In order to get this "prescription" properly filled it is only necessary to visit the establishment conducted by Mr. R. A. White, located on the corner of Gould and Ash Streets. He carries on a Livery, Boarding and Sale Stables, and is prepared to furnish Teams at short notice; also Barges for picnic parties, and Hacks for Weddings and Funerals. Carriages are in waiting at all trains. Horses will be boarded here and receive the best of care and feed, while the accommodations offered will be found satisfactory. Employment is given to two steady and competent men, and every facility is at hand. Mr. White is a native of Stoneham, and began his present enterprise here in 1886, since which time he has made many steady friends and patrons.

THE READING PLANING MILL CO., Manufacturers of Furniture Specialties; also Planing, Moulding, Turning, Band Sawing and General Jobbing, D. H. Kendall, Proprietor, Salem Street, Reading, Mass. Success in the business of wood-working is largely a matter of machinery. Such great improvements have been made in these machines during the last decade, that unless a mill is fitted with modern appliances its work is of inferior grade. Good management and a desirable location are also essential to decided success. As the enterprise carried on by the Reading Planing Mill Company has all these things in its favor, it is natural that it should be in a most prosperous condition. The business was founded in January, 1887, by Messrs John Holman & Co., and in 1893 came under the control of Mr. N. L. Hall, who was succeeded at the beginning of the current year by Mr. D. H. Kendall, previously the superintendent of the business. The mill consists of three floors and a basement, with engine and boiler-room, dry-house and shed. The first floor and basement measure 56x50 feet, two other floors, 36x35 feet. These are provided with an elaborate plant of the most improved machinery, driven by a 50-horse power engine. The output includes a line of Furniture Specialties and practically everything in the line of Builders' Finish, such as Posts, Balusters, Stair-work, Mantels, Brackets, etc.; also Planing, Moulding, Band sawing and General Jobbing are done to order. Employment is given to fifteen competent assistants and orders are assured prompt and careful attention. Mr. D. H. Kendall is the proprietor of the mill. It is hardly necessary to add that its affairs are carefully supervised and that no imperfect work is allowed to leave the establishment. Your orders are respectfully solicited.

H. B. SWEETSER, Dealer in Provisions, Fruits and Vegetables, Main Street, Reading, Mass. All orders promptly attended to.—If any experienced housekeeper were asked what methods of management would be most acceptable in the carrying on of a retail meat market, the answer would probably be in effect as follows: "Carrying a large and varied stock of reliable goods, selling the same at fair prices and never willfully misrepresenting a single article sold." Now, it is just this policy that has thus far characterized the enterprise conducted by Mr. H. B. Sweetser, and located on Main Street, Reading, and, therefore, it is easy to believe that a prosperous retail trade is being built up, although operations were only begun in 1890 by Messrs. H. B. Sweetser & Co., they being succeeded in 1892 by the senior member of that firm. He is a native of this town, and holds that the interests of his customers are identical with his own, and certainly the success met with thus far would seem to prove the correctness of this theory. The premises occupied comprise one floor 40x25 feet in size, and contain an assortment of Provisions, Fruits, Vegetables, etc., that show Mr. Sweetser to be prepared to cater to all classes of trade. He employs two competent assistants and strives to serve every customer promptly, politeness being insisted upon in every case. The choicest cuts of meats may be bought here to excellent advantage, and the prices quoted will compare favorably with those asked elsewhere for goods of similar quality. All orders are attended to promptly, while satisfaction is guaranteed in every particular.

E. F. BROOKS, Dealer in Dry and Fancy Goods, Haven Street, Reading, Mass.—The enterprise carried on by Mr. E. F. Brooks was started by him in 1887, having been conducted under his able management for the past six years. The premises occupied are located on Haven Street, comprise one floor 40x20 feet in dimensions, there being a most carefully chosen stock carried, comprising all kinds of Dry and Fancy Goods, etc. Mr. Brooks is a native of this town and is well known throughout Reading and vicinity, for he is a careful buyer and quotes the lowest market rates in every department of his store. He has built up a steadily increasing retail business, for discriminating purchasers are quick to recognize genuine inducements, and it is very generally understood in this community that Mr. Brooks offers advantages at least as great as any to be had elsewhere in this section. All goods are fully guaranteed to prove as represented, the stock always containing the latest fashionable novelties, and as one assistant is employed all callers receive polite attention.

F. W. DANFORTH, Carriage and Sign Painter, Haven Street, Reading, Mass.—Mr. F. W. Danforth is widely known throughout Reading and vicinity, for he has built up an extensive business in the Painting of Carriages and Signs. His shop is well located on Haven Street, and is supplied with all necessary facilities for the filling of orders in a thoroughly satisfactory manner and at short notice. Carriage and Sign painting is an Art, and as in order to obtain the best results it is necessary not only to use carefully chosen stock, but to employ skilled and careful labor, the advantages to be gained by dealing with such a man as Mr. Danforth are obvious. We have no hesitation in guaranteeing complete satisfaction to all who may favor him with their orders, these being filled at short notice and at the lowest rates consistent with the use of standard stock and the employment of skilled labor. There is one thing that should always be borne in mind, and that is, that the kind of stock used and the manner in which it is applied have everything to do with the economy of the process. This enterprise was founded in 1878 by Garfield & Co., they being succeeded by the present proprietor in 1885. He is a native of Amherst, N. H., and well and favorably known in this town and vicinity. Two reliable assistants are employed, and all orders are promptly attended to.

TURNER'S ELITE STUDIO, Photographing in all Branches, also Enlarging, Haven Street, Second Story, Reading, Mass.—If improved apparatus, reliable chemicals and unbounded self-confidence were all that are necessary to make a first class photographer, the country would be full of such, for about every tenth man you see nowadays practices photography for fun or for money, and can talk to you by the hour about "negatives," and "exposures," and "developing," and many other things of which you know little or nothing, but when it comes to putting theories into practice the average photographer, amateur or professional, cannot seem to make a very excellent showing. The fact is, long experience and considerable natural ability are absolutely essential to the attaining of thoroughly satisfactory results in photography, and an illustration of this may be had by comparing the work turned out of "Turner's Elite Studio," with that produced by other artists who might be mentioned. This studio was opened here in 1891, by the present proprietor, who is a native of Boston, Mass., and has many years experience in his present line of business. His rooms are located on Haven Street, on the second floor, and are very thoroughly fitted up in every way, having about 1,500 square feet of floor space. Photographing and Enlarging in all their branches is carried on, orders being filled at short notice and at uniformly moderate rates, while the results attained are such that it is perfectly safe to fully guarantee satisfaction. Competent assistance is employed.

GEORGE MACK, Furniture Repaired and Upholstered, Mattresses Renovated and Made Over, Old Mahogany and Antique Work Renewed, Draperies Portiers and Shade Work a Specialty, Reading, Mass.—The American people as a class are very extravagant, but this extravagance is, as a general thing, more the results of thoughtlessness than of any deliberate intention to spend money lavishly. Take for instance, the matter of furniture and we find that thousands of dollars worth of somewhat worn goods of this kind are thrust away into garrets or sold to second-hand dealers for a mere trifle, when a few dollars spent in renewing the upholstery would make the articles as good as new. These is no more unfounded personal assertion of ours; it is a positive fact, easily susceptible of proof, as may be discovered by very little investigation. Mr. George Mack, of this town, is a thoroughly practical Furniture Repairer and Upholsterer, and has such excellent facilities at his command as to enable him to fill orders at very short notice and in a workman like manner, while his charges are uniformly moderate. The premises occupied are located on Gould Street, comprising one floor 15x15 feet in size, where Mattresses are renovated and made over, Old Mahogany and Antique work is repaired, and a specialty made of Draperies, Portieres and Shade Work. Mr. Mack, who is a native of Boston, Mass., shows great taste and ingenuity in renovating moth-eaten furniture, making it over in the latest fashion, frequently making it as good as new. Satisfaction is guaranteed, while all work is done neatly and promptly at moderate cost. This enterprise was started in 1888, by Mr. Mack.

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